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P R E F A C E.



HAVING brought to a successful termination our labors in Lawrence County in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Book of Biographies to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only true History," and also are of the opinion that a collection of the biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written. The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past, Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye, and because of the many living objects which claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world linger long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men of the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example. A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early-settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their descendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated personal memoirs will be found as true and as faithful a record of Lawrence County as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient reason that its growth and development are identified with that of

the men who have made her what she is to-day—the representative, leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not yet violated the virgin soil with desecrating plough, nor with the ever-ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless, forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the histories of the county's leading men and of their ancestors the steady growth and development which has been going on here for a century and a half, and bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now, whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed with an absorbing interest, equalling, if not surpassing, that which is taken to-day in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens, which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data, which have been very helpful to us in preparing this Book of Biographies of Lawrence County, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.

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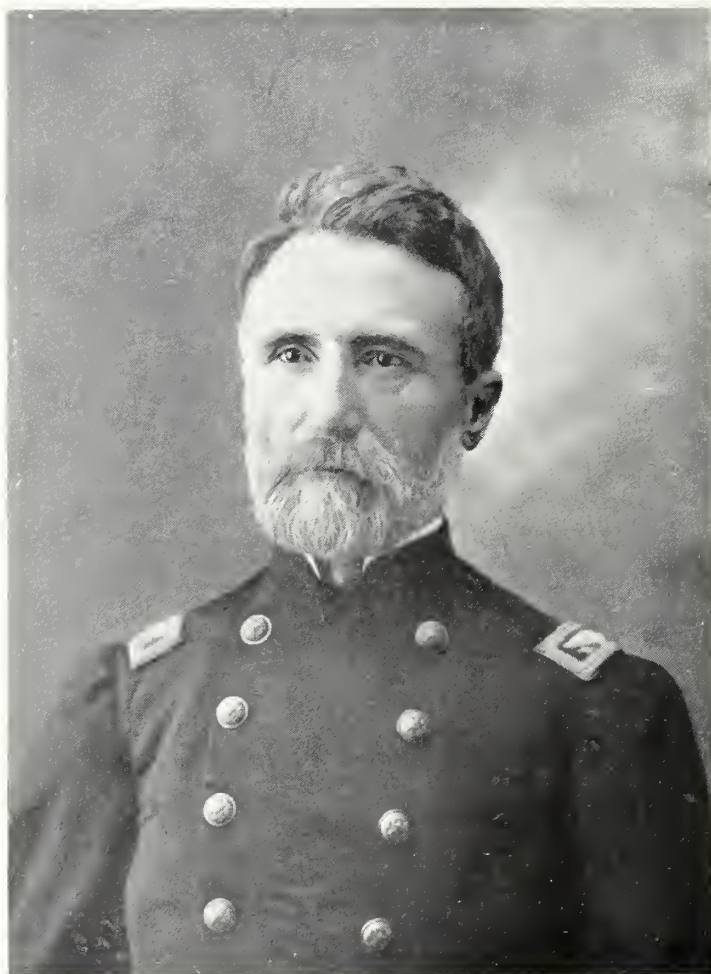
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All the biographical sketches published in this volume were submitted to their respective subjects, or to the subscribers, from whom the facts were primarily obtained, for their approval or correction before going to press; and a reasonable time was allowed in each case for the return of the type-written copies. Most of them were returned to us within the time allotted, or before the work was printed, after being corrected or revised; and these may therefore be regarded as reasonably accurate.

A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (*), placed immediately after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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COL. OSCAR L. JACKSON.

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COLONEL JACKSON. Oscar Lawrence Jackson, of New Castle, a distinguished soldier, lawyer and Member of Congress, was born in Lawrence County, Pa. (at that time a part of Beaver County), Sept. 2, 1840. His ancestors were Scotch-Irish and early settlers in the State. His great-grandfather, Samuel Jackson, was born in the Highlands of Scotland, resided some years in the North of Ireland, emigrated to the United States, and after living a short time in some other places, settled in 1797 on a farm two miles south of the present city of New Castle. A large part of this farm has ever since remained in the possession of the family and is now (1897) owned by Colonel Jackson's father.

His great-grandmother Jackson's maiden name was Janet Stewart. She was a sister of John Carlyle Stewart, who laid out the town of New Castle in 1798, and built there a few years later the old forge on the Neshannock Creek, where the first bar iron was made in Western Pennsylvania. His grandfather, James Jackson, was a soldier in the American Army during the War of 1812. His mother's maiden name was Nancy Mitchell, a native of Indiana County, Pa.

She was a grandchild of a Scotch-Irish immigrant, who settled in the Susquehanna Valley, Pennsylvania, where her father, Matthew Mitchell, was born in 1785. Our subject's father, Samuel S. Jackson, born Aug. 15, 1815, is still living, a resident of this county. He has two brothers, Dr. David P. Jackson of this county, and Hon. Edwin W. Jackson, an attorney of Harrisburg, Pa.; also a sister, Mary, and two half-sisters, Anna and Jane.

Colonel Jackson was reared on a farm; was educated in the common schools, at Tansy Hill Select School, and at Darlington Academy; and when a boy clerked for a short time in a country store.

He was teaching school near Logan, Hocking County, Ohio, the winter before the outbreak of the Civil War. On the call for soldiers in 1861 to defend the government and suppress the rebellion, he volunteered and recruited a company in that vicinity for the three years' service. It became Company H, Sixty-third Ohio Vol. Inf., and with the regiment at the end of the three years re-enlisted as veterans and served to the close of the war. He entered the army as captain of the company he recruited,

was afterwards promoted in the regiment, and served continuously during the war from August, 1861, to July, 1865, a term of four years. He was present with his regiment and on duty nearly all the time of its service, except some three months, when disabled by wounds received in battle. After some time spent in camp, perfecting the organization, equipping and drilling, his regiment took the field with the Army of the West. His first active service was in Missouri under General Pope, including the actions at New Madrid, taking of Fort Thompson, and the later operations that resulted in the capture of Island No. 10, with a large number of prisoners. His regiment was a part of the force afterward sent down the Mississippi River, which landed on the Arkansas shore, and began preparations for the investment of Fort Pillow. In the latter part of April, 1862, the regiment was ordered to join Gen. Halleck's army at Pittsburg Landing, and took part in all the operations that made up the siege of Corinth. It was engaged in the actions at Farmington, on both the 8th and 28th of May. The regiment was in General Grant's operations in September, 1862, which resulted in the battle of Iuka, being in Stanley's Division, which had the principal part of the fighting to do in that engagement.

In the battle of Corinth, Mississippi, Oct. 3 and 4, 1862, the Sixty-third Ohio, under Gen. Rosecrans' command, gained very distinguished credit for continued hard fighting in the open field long after it had sustained very great loss, and the regiment is prominently mentioned in Greeley's History of the Rebellion. In this battle on the 4th, Colonel Jackson, then a captain in command of his company, received a severe

gunshot wound in the face, the bullet entering near the right eye, where it yet remains. He is mentioned in the official report of the battle, which is now published in volume 17 of Government Records of the Rebellion, as "A young officer of great promise, who is severely and it is feared mortally wounded, who held his company in perfect order until two-thirds of his men were killed and wounded." The regiment lost 42 per cent. in killed and wounded of the entire number taken into action, he being among the very last wounded. This severe fighting was mostly in support of Robinett's Regular Battery, which was repeatedly charged by the enemy's infantry, and the rebel general was killed within a few yards of the guns.

As soon as he was sufficiently recovered from his wounds, Colonel Jackson rejoined his regiment, and in 1863 was with the division of infantry which escorted Straight's Cavalry through the enemy's lines as far as Tuscumbia, Alabama, when they started on their famous raid. The infantry afterwards engaged the enemy sufficiently to divert attention from the movement. Our subject subsequently took part in the summer of 1863 in the various operations of Gen. Dodge's command in northern Alabama and Mississippi, and along the Mississippi River from Memphis to Vicksburg, during the siege of the latter city. His regiment at this time belonged to the Sixteenth Army Corps, and had a full share in all the movements of that organization. After the fall of Vicksburg, he was with that part of the army which marched overland with Gen. Sherman from the Mississippi River to the relief of Chattanooga and Knoxville. His division was detached from the main column and

sent to the right to secure the line of railroad at Elk River, then much needed to supply the army at Chattanooga. In this movement they made, by crossing the Tennessee River in the face of the enemy and the capturing of Decatur, one of the few successful night attacks attempted during the war.

In Sherman's great Atlanta Campaign of 1864, the division in which Colonel Jackson served was at first in the Sixteenth Corps, and afterwards in the Seventeenth Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, commanded by Gen. McPherson, who was killed before Atlanta. After this it was commanded by Generals Logan and Howard. Colonel Jackson was constantly with his regiment during the campaign and engaged in the battles of Snake Creek Gap, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, and the Siege of Atlanta. He was with that part of the army which made the movement south of Atlanta, fought the battle of Jonesboro, drove the enemy off the Macon Railroad, and thus secured the fall of Atlanta. When the enemy under Gen. Hood afterward moved in the rear of the Union Army, Colonel Jackson took part in the operations to develop the extent of the movement, and also to drive the enemy out of Snake Creek Gap and off the railroad, following him to Galesburg, Ala. In this part of the campaign, he was in command of his regiment, as he had been on different occasions before that. Colonel Jackson was with Sherman on the "March to the Sea," was engaged in the capture of Savannah, and took part in the campaign through the Carolinas. He commanded his regiment when it moved from Savannah by way of Hilton Head to Beaufort, and also in all the operations from

Goldsborough to Raleigh, including those immediately preceding the surrender of Johnston's Army. During the operations near Raleigh, Colonel Jackson was sent with a large army train back to Goldsborough for supplies. He had command of his own regiment, and other details reporting to him as guard and escort, and had entire charge of the train. He marched, going and coming, about 100 miles through the enemy's country, had a bridge burned ahead of him and with difficulty found passable roads and streams that could be safely forded. But the war was now nearing to a close, and the most remarkable feature of the expedition was the large number of rebel soldiers that came in and surrendered. At night he had quite a camp of these prisoners, who required, however, very little guarding, and who got plenty to eat from the Union soldiers, who cheerfully divided rations with them.

After the surrender of Johnston's Army, he marched to Washington, commanded his regiment at the Grand Review, and then conducted it to Louisville, Ky., where it remained until ordered mustered out in July, 1865. He then moved the regiment to Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, Ohio, where, under his directions, the survivors of four years' service in the field were discharged, paid off, and sent to their homes.

Colonel Jackson was successively promoted and commissioned major and lieutenant-colonel, and was on recommendation of his brigade, division and corps commanders commissioned by the President, Colonel of U. S. Volunteers by brevet, for gallant and meritorious services in the field during the war. The former command-

er of the regiment lost a leg in the Atlanta Campaign, and was never able to rejoin his command, leaving Colonel Jackson for a long time its permanent commander in the latter part of its service. It is worthy of notice that there were but a few officers of volunteers in the army who served as long a term as a commissioned officer as he did.

After the war, Colonel Jackson studied law, was admitted to the bar, opened an office in New Castle in April, 1868, and has since been in active practice. He was elected and served a full term as district attorney from 1868 to 1871, and was county solicitor from 1874 to 1880. He was appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania, in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, a member of a commission to codify laws, and served on it in 1877 and 1878.

He was elected in 1884 as a Republican Member of Congress of the United States to represent the Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania Congressional District. His district was composed of the counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Washington, and he received at the election the largest majority ever given a candidate in it. He was re-elected and served in Congress until March 4, 1889, when by a re-apportionment of the State, his county was attached to another district, and he retired. In Congress he was a member of the Committee on Public Lands, and favored a policy of disposing of Government lands principally to actual settlers, and a strict construction of grants previously made for other purposes. He was especially interested in the subject of tariff legislation, taking an active part in the hearings before the Ways and Means Committee, and in the House proceedings, in

favor of a protective tariff, and against the proposed Morrison and Mills bills. He was one of the members selected to deliver memorial addresses in Congress on the life and services of Gen. John A. Logan. His speeches in favor of a liberal appropriation for a building for a National Library at Washington, also for a better government for Alaska, and against President Cleveland's vetoes of pension bills, commanded attention, and were largely circulated, being republished in newspapers in different parts of the country. His address in the Fiftieth Congress in favor of restoring Gen. Rosecrans to a commission in the army, in order that he might be retired on it as a means of support in his old age, was considered worthy of being quoted at some length in the American Encyclopedia.

After leaving Congress, he resumed the practice of law, in which he is now engaged and as a lawyer is widely and favorably known. In church matters he is a United Presbyterian. The portrait of no citizen of Lawrence County will be received with greater favor than that of Colonel Jackson, which we present on a preceding page.

ISRAEL VAN GORDER, a retired farmer of Lawrence County, and Perry township, now a resident of the city of New Castle, was born in Perry township, this county, April 7, 1829, and is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Elliott) Van Gorder, and grandson of Jacob Van Gorder, Sr., who was born in Holland and came to America when a young man. Our subject's grandfather

was taken prisoner at the Massacre of Wyoming and was to be killed, but his life was providentially saved by one of the squaws adopting him as her son. He lived with the Indians some five years, and then making his escape went to Pittsburgh, where he followed farming principally as a means of livelihood. Later on, he bought a small tract of new land in the southern part of Lawrence County; and built a log-house thereon, cleared the land, married and raised six children: Jacob, Betsy, Tena, Margaret, Sarah, and one whose name is not given. Two daughters married two brothers by the name of Allen.

Jacob Van Gorder, the oldest child, and only son, cared for his parents, who died at quite an advanced age, the father when about eighty years old, and the mother when not quite so old by a few years. The farm was left to our subject's father, who added to it until he owned 250 acres; he also owned a saw and grist-mill, which he built and thereafter operated; he also built a large stone house, and the buildings are all standing to-day and are owned by his son Alvi. He held many offices of the township, and lived to enjoy seventy-eight pleasant years. His wife lived to the age of seventy-five. Their children were: Andrew E.; Israel; Louisa; Almira; Alvi; James; Isabelle; and two more, who died young.

Our subject worked in his father's mills until 1876, when he bought 96 acres of land in Perry township, and built a new house and barn, and carried on general farming until 1891, when he had accumulated enough property to enable him to retire; leaving the farm in charge of his only son and child, Jacob E., Mr. Van Gorder came to New Castle, and bought a house on County

Line Street, which he enlarged and remodeled and now rents as a tenement, building another for his own use.

His first wife was Isabelle Evans, daughter of Jonathan Evans; she was born in 1829, and died in 1875, leaving one child, Jacob E., who married Harriet Morrison, and has a child named Verna. Our subject married as his second wife Miss Nancy Vance, daughter of James Vance. For many years Mr. Van Gorder supported the Republican ticket and served as supervisor, assessor, and as overseer of the poor; he is now a member of the National Prohibition Party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

DAVID P. FULKERSON is a member of the firm of Wick & Fulkerson, proprietors of the leading restaurant of New Castle, located at No. 10 Apple Alley. He was born in New Castle July 8, 1869, and is a son of J. Smith and Jennett (Pattison) Fulkerson, grandson of William and Margaret (Tidball) Fulkerson, and a great-grandson of John and Mary (Alky) Fulkerson. John Fulkerson was descended from German forefathers, and we find him first as a resident of Virginia, living near Rappahannock, Fredericks County, where his son William, our subject's grandfather, was born. As he was neither a slave owner, nor a sympathizer in that practice which permitted the greatest inhumanities and outrages to be performed upon a down-trodden and enslaved race, he set out in 1810 with his wife, and traveled three hundred miles on horseback to New Castle, where he secured a farm of 200

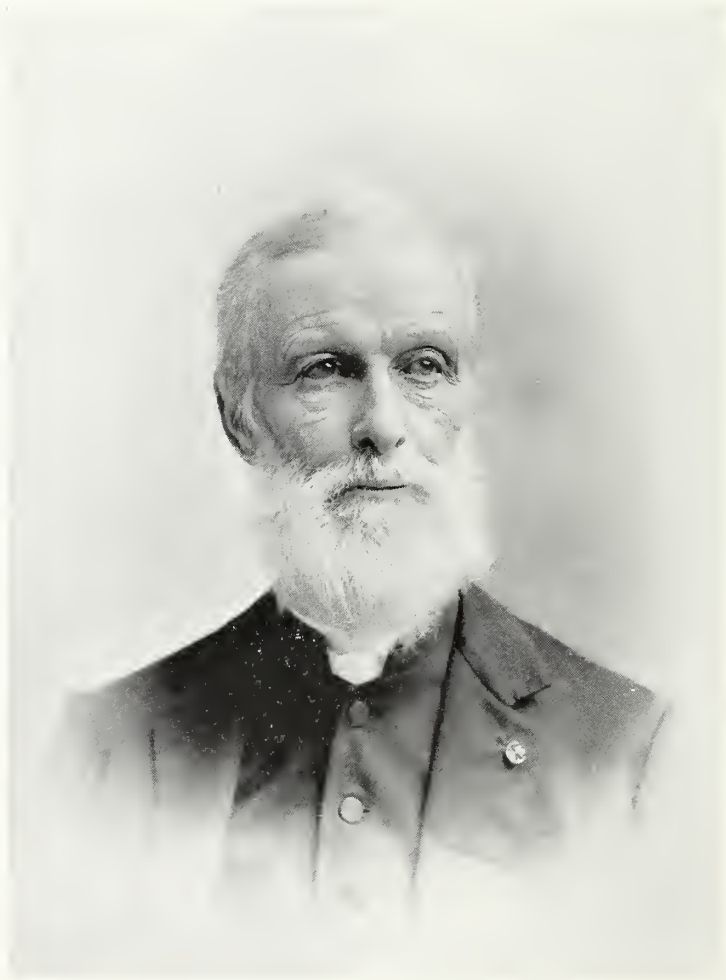
acres, lying between the present farm of the Hon. Robert J. Fulkerson, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, and the city of New Castle. He then returned to Virginia, and with horses and wagons transported his personal effects and household furniture, and all the children but two, who chose to remain in Virginia. The farm was slightly improved, there being a small log-cabin and a few acres cleared of the original timber land, which made a very fertile garden plot. So it was with comparatively little trouble, after reaching the destined spot, to install his family, and accustom himself to the strange surroundings; there he reared his family and with the assistance of his sons cleared the land. Both he and his good wife were over eighty years of age at their death. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and helped to construct the first religious edifice. There were eight children born to him, as follows: Lewis; John; Roger; James; Eliza, the wife of Thomas Gillespie; William; Richard; and Margaret, the wife of William Cox.

William Fulkerson, our subject's grandfather, was born in the old State of Virginia, and with his parents came to New Castle, and helped to establish the new home on the frontier. He inherited a part of the large tract his father bought, and followed farming in New Castle all his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, who was a daughter of David Tidball, never lived to pass the half-century mark. Their children were: Isabella; Harry; Rose; William; David; J. Smith; and Margaret.

Our subject's father was born in New Castle, Feb. 19, 1833, and when thirteen years of age became a workman in the nail manufactory, and

later went into oil speculation. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, of the 10th Pa. Reserve, and served three years, and is to-day a member of the U. V. L. Lodge. He was wounded at Charles City Cross Road, losing by the fortune of war the end of one finger, and having his collar-bone and three ribs broken. After being discharged from the hospital, he returned to his regiment, and soon after experienced a sun-stroke, from which he has never fully recovered. When the war was over, and he once more made New Castle his home, he indulged in gardening some, and also assisted his son in the restaurant. He has a fine home on West Washington Street, which he bought some years ago and enlarged and beautified. His wife was born Sept. 3, 1836, and died Aug. 23, 1891. His children were: Agnes M., born Feb. 20, 1858, the wife of Revilian T. Wick; David P., our subject; Jennie A., born Aug. 28, 1872; and Samuel J. R., born Sept. 21, 1877, a designer and engraver.

Our subject at sixteen years of age entered the Shenango Glass Factory, and worked four years as a gatherer, but was compelled to forsake that occupation by reason of an injury to his hand. In 1891, in company with R. T. Wick, he bought the Maitland restaurant, and refitted it throughout and put in a fine range; the restaurant occupies two floors. It was started as the second restaurant in New Castle, and although many have come into the inviting field, it easily heads the procession with the largest and best trade of any that run day and night. Their patronage is very select, and they take pride in keeping up their reputation by catering in the most satisfactory manner to the wants of the inner man.



ROBERT AUDLEY BROWNE, D. D.

Mr. Fulkerson married, Oct. 13, 1892, Miss Anna Dean, daughter of Hanson Dean of Brighton, Pa., and has one child, Verna, born Oct. 19, 1895. Like every Fulkerson in the county, in his political views he countenances no candidate for public office who is not of the Republican complexion.



ROBERT AUDLEY BROWNE, D. D. A sketch of Mr. Browne's life might appropriately commence with the narration of the event that took place on Sept. 3, 1896. The community of New Castle and vicinity had taken occasion of "The Golden Wedding" anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Browne, and their first coming to New Castle and becoming citizens of the then borough, to give them a public reception (the parties most concerned being sent away beforehand on a vacation). The result was truly surprising. Many hundreds honored the occasion with their presence during the afternoon and evening; many more could not gain admission, because of the crush, to the church; while others sent their hearty congratulations by mail, manifesting by their expressions of regret their disappointment at not being able to be present. Old and young, contemporaries of former years and new comers, residents of the town and country, church people and others, men and women, all classes and conditions, and all without invitation except what was received through the columns of the newspapers of the city, were present, including "the grand old boys" of the war. Speeches were delivered and testimonials

made; such an ovation as Mr. and Mrs. Browne received could not have been foreseen Sept. 3, 1846, when they were married in Oakland, now a ward of the city of Pittsburg.

The anniversary occasion also stood in some sense connected with important events both in the life of this honored couple and in the history of the community during the intervening years. These events perhaps few living to-day were permitted to view face to face, but had it not been for them, the present enjoyable and instructive event could never have been enacted. Fifty years ago, New Castle was a village of about 1,600 inhabitants with four or five general country stores, doing much business with the farming people and mostly on the credit and barter system; a grist-mill; an oil-mill; a rolling-mill and nail factory; and another soon to begin work. The village had canal communications with Lake Erie on the one hand and the Ohio River on the other. It was a part of the County of Mercer on its north, while its outlying citizens on the south were in Beaver County. The county of Lawrence was not yet organized, the date of its separation being 1849. The borough only grew into a city in 1869, when the city charter was secured by Mr. Browne, as State Senator at that period for the district. Now, after the close of a half-century, there are many miles of streets paved with asphalt and vitrified brick, instead of the mud and dust of the earlier period. Gas lights and electric lights have made encroachments on the realm of darkness, that formerly prevailed during the night hours. Trolley cars traverse the streets. The sound of the boatman's horn is heard no more. In its stead, however, are the whistles of the locomotives.

tives on four great railroad lines, that afford rapid and comfortable communication with all parts of our wide domains. The fires of numerous furnaces help to illumine the night, while the smoke of many mills veils the sky by day. Four little one-story school houses and an intermittent academy have given place to seven graded schools with over 3,000 pupils and seventy-seven teachers, including a high school department. During these fifty years, no matter what changes have taken place from time to time, Mr. Browne has been continuously engaged in the work of the ministry of the gospel. He had been licensed three and one-half years earlier, and ordained one year and nine months before he took up his Master's work in New Castle. His education from childhood had pointed to the work of the ministry, and whatever else besides ministerial duties came to him, the ministry was the burden and theme of his life.

But his convictions of political responsibility as an American citizen led him to oppose American slavery, and so affected his subsequent history. These convictions came to him early. He experienced them when the term "Abolitionist" was often invested with odium and false meanings; when fealty to slavery was made the test of loyalty to the Union; and to train with professed Union-savers in politics was the path of peace. This was the period when Mr. Browne became a pastor in New Castle, his two preaching places, Shenango and East Brook, being some miles out of town. The voters of his flock and the citizens generally were all voting the Whig and Democratic tickets, except a small, but growing number, who were branded as

"Abolitionists," and laughed at for "throwing their votes away," or abused as being responsible for the defeat of some favorite candidate if the contest became too close. The new pastor under these circumstances secured a hearing as he desired it; accorded every man his rights, and exercised his own; prayed for the slaves; spoke against slavery on fitting occasions; and voted against it always on election day. There was a growing ferment all the time among the political elements, with the result that by 1856 one of the old parties was retired from the stage of national politics, and in 1860 the other was broken into two irreconcilable sections. Meanwhile the bloody pro-slavery invasion of Kansas and John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry had startled the nation. A new party had been called to the front, which, under its leader, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, was strong enough to administer for peace and war, and to crush the greatest rebellion of modern times.

The war at last had burst. Loyal men all over the land were responding to the call to arms. Lawrence County promptly sent 167 men to the front. Three months later, a regiment for a three years' enlistment followed, a large portion of which was made up of Lawrence County men. This was the famous "Roundhead Regiment"—the 100th P. V. I. Dr. Leasure was its commander, and Mr. Browne was the chaplain. These were the two men who had called the first meeting in New Castle some years before in aid of the Free State settlers in Kansas, much of this aid taking the form of Sharp's rifles for defence against border ruffians. The enlistment of the new

regiment dated from August 29. The chaplain was given leave of absence by his congregation for one year, by which time it was then thought the rebellion would be suppressed. How the loyal expectations of the North were disappointed! When the year was completed, the outlook was indeed disheartening, for the Union Army had just suffered one of its greatest defeats in the Second Battle of Bull Run. The chaplain's leave, in consequence of that defeat, was lengthened from twelve to twenty-eight months. The term of service of those twenty-eight months was truly a remarkable one.

The regiment had a wonderful experience of wide and varied service, transportation by railroad and by ocean and river navigation for long distances, to Newport News, South Carolina, to James Island in the first siege of Charleston, to Newport News again, to Acquia Creek, to Fredericksburg, to the Rapidan, to Bull Run, to South Mountain, to Antietam, back again to Fredericksburg, to Baltimore, thence to Lexington, Ky., and Camp Dick Robinson, to Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., back to Kentucky, and thence across inland mountain ridges and rivers through Cumberland Gap to Knoxville, Tenn., where, after repulsing Longstreet's forces and helping to secure Grant's great victory at Chattanooga, the regiment re-enlisted in the dead of winter, and having received their veteran furloughs marched North again over that rugged country and in that fearful winter to the railroad connections at Nicholasville, Ky. It was a great feature of Chaplain Browne's history to have shared in most of these hardships and dangers, by field and flood, facing disease and battle, being a member of the column on

the march, and of the host in bivouac or camp, through summer's heat and winter's cold. In Beaufort, South Carolina, he was seized with spotted fever, from which he recovered with a hardened liver. The chaplain's presence was a marked feature of the regimental life. The nightly Psalm of Praise at his services often was carried on the night breezes to listeners in the enemy's lines.

Mr. Browne applied for and received his discharge in Eastern Tennessee. It came to him after the siege of Knoxville and the repulse of Longstreet. He reached his home from Blaine's Cross Roads, the point of starting, by the circuitous route of Chattanooga and Stevenson, Alabama. It was during the wild winter storm of that season, that had inflicted itself on all the country from Alabama to the pole, and through which his recent comrades were on the march across the mountains and rivers of Eastern Tennessee and Kentucky. After a journey of nearly a thousand miles, he arrived at his home in the middle of January, 1864, and immediately resumed his pastoral duties. He found himself soon after his return beset and crowded from many points with invitations and appointments, and was expected to do a thousand and one incompatible and impossible things. Under such a strain, and because of exposure past and now undergone in his pastoral duties in the winter when rest was needed, his health broke down. It was clearly beyond his reach to accomplish all that was at once expected of him publicly and privately, socially and professionally. At the time of his discharge he had engaged to write a history of the regiment till that date. It has not yet been accomplished.

Other events, however, should be mentioned as included in the 15 years which preceded Mr. Browne's army life. These were events of his personal ministerial and pastoral work on which he entered upon his first arrival in New Castle in 1846. Although he resided in the town, his people were mostly in the country, with two out-of-town places of preaching. The parish was twelve miles long and twelve miles wide. It included the two congregations of East Brook and Shenango. The labor involved was great. It required travel and included visiting the families pastorally and socially, with ministrations to the sick, catechizing, preaching in school houses at odd times, and in general and special the usual ministerial duties of a country pastor. The country, too, by this time was requiring new organizations at new points, adjusted to the growth of the population. New Castle and New Wilmington were two of these, and "The Harbor" was a third. All these demanded for a time the pastor's fostering care and extra service of preaching on his part to prepare the way for new laborers yet to be called. And all this was in the first instance while he yet was in connection with the other two congregations which were his special charge.

The New Castle congregation was organized Dec. 25, 1849. The church edifice was built by Joseph Kissick, Robert Cochran, George Henderson, Capt. James Leslie, Samuel F. Cooke, and a few others. The corner-stone was laid on a bleak day in May, 1849. It is the building in which the golden anniversary was held. At the outset Mr. Browne had twelve church members in the town. The congregation was organized

as a church with thirty-two members. The pastor was relieved of the pastoral charge of his East Brook congregation which had claimed a half of his time to devote that half to New Castle. He resuscitated and for one year took charge of the New Castle Academy.

In 1850 he organized the New Wilmington Church. In 1852 he organized "The Harbor" Church, and ministered to it for one year. He was still ministering to the Shenango flock. Only half of his time was as yet taken up by New Castle. It was a day of small things. Mr. Browne's congregation now (1897) numbers almost three hundred souls. Eight years ago, a second congregation was organized with ninety-three dismissals from the parent body, and this offshoot, planted in the eastern part of the city, has now grown to be a prosperous church of four hundred members. The population of the city is about 22,000.

The second year after Mr. Browne's return from the army he was invited to accept a nomination for the State Senate. The invitation was made unanimous by his fellow Republicans of the county. The nomination was confirmed by the conferees, and the result was his election, and his discharging the duties of Senator for the sessions of 1866, 1867 and 1868, sitting for the district comprising Lawrence, Butler and Armstrong counties. The honor thus conferred was to him a grateful recognition of his advanced convictions of years before, which had now become the policy of the State and Nation. His action, votes and speeches on record were in accordance with the just expectations of his constituents.

Before his third session in the Senate com-

menced, he was induced to accept the presidency of Westminster College, New Wilmington. This required his resignation of his congregation and removal to the latter place. After three years in this connection he resigned it, and filled temporary appointments in Cleveland, Leavenworth, and Titusville, residing one year in the latter place, which was the only year in fifty in which he had not continued to be a citizen of the county of Lawrence. Rev. J. W. Bain had succeeded him as pastor of his New Castle congregation, but he having resigned, Mr. Browne was recalled by the congregation, and in October, 1873, entered upon his second pastoral term. This continues till this time.

In 1875, upon the repeal of the Local Option Law of the State, he was made the standard-bearer of the Prohibition Party as gubernatorial candidate. He received a vacation of two months from his congregation, during which period he made a very notable canvass of the State.

His action in this candidacy was in harmony with his life-long convictions. These have logically allied him to every cause of reform, the maintenance of government, law and order and the preservation of the Christianity of the institutions of State and Nation against all assailants, whether born on the soil or importations from foreign lands.

Mr. Browne's parents, David Lyons Browne and Sarah (Miller) Browne, each born in County Tyrone, Ireland, embarked for America in 1812, being with their parental families emigrants to America. They were respectively eighteen and seventeen years of age. At their marriage in 1817 they became Pittsburgers. Their children

were mostly born in Pittsburg; but Robert Audley, their third son, was born in Steubenville, Dec. 3, 1821, during a two years sojourn of the family in that place. From his infancy he was reared in Pittsburg under the ministry of Dr. Joseph Kerr and his eloquent son and successor, Joseph Reynolds Kerr. His education was in its schools, including his college course in the Western University under the presidency of Rev. Robert Bruce, D.D., a very learned graduate of the University of Edinburgh. Here also he had for instructors Hon. Thomas Mellon and Rev. Alexander Young, D.D., LL.D., men who acquired distinction and did honor to Western University, also their Alma Mater, and here he received his degree of A. B. in 1840. In the Allegheny Theological Seminary he had for instructors the eminent Dr. John T. Pressley and the refined and learned Dr. Jas. L. Dinwiddie. In the seminary he was of the class of 1844, but was licensed to preach the gospel March 29, 1843. At the time of the great fire of Pittsburg, April 10, 1845, he was engaged in his second year as stated supply in the Second Associate Reformed congregation. The church was totally destroyed by the fire. Mr. Browne obtained the first collections from abroad to secure their second place of worship, after which he was free to release himself from his late informal pastoral relations. A year later he began his settled pastorate at New Castle.

Mr. Browne was born, baptized, reared, licensed and ordained in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, now the United Presbyterian Church. He is descended by blood and church connection from the Covenanters of the West of Scotland. Tradition points to a noble ancestor

in the person of that Capt. John Browne mentioned by the Ettrick Shepherd in his tale, "The Brownie of Bodsbeck," who was wounded by a sabre stroke at the Battle of Bothwell Bridge, June 22, 1679. The Millers, his mother's family, were of kindred Scottish Presbyterian stock. Of this same stock also were Mrs. Browne's ancestors, on the one side, namely, that of her mother, Rebecca Johnston, while her father, William Eichbaum, was Prussian, as his name indicates; he for seventy years from his boyhood in Pittsburg stood abreast of the foremost citizens of that great growing community.

Mr. Browne is a member of the Regimental Association of the 100th P. V. I., an honorary member of Post 100 of the G. A. R., and a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States—the latter honor conferred for "having been specially distinguished for faithful services in maintaining and defending the honor, integrity and supremacy of the United States of America." In 1865 his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of D.D. He was Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the year 1869.

There are few citizens of Lawrence County so prominent, so well known, and so universally respected as is Dr. Browne. Three distinct life-phases have been included in his career, namely, that of pastor, army chaplain, and politician and legislator. In all his diversified relations he has borne himself fittingly and with the dignity requisite to the station. His friends are legion, and are to be found in all the walks of life. Few portraits in this volume will meet an equal amount of interest as his, which we have placed on a preceding page.

JAMES M. MAYNE, the subject of this sketch, is well known among the enterprising and progressive citizens of New Castle, as a large owner in real estate and as a man of exceptional business acumen. He was born in Shenango township, Lawrence Co., Pa., July 16, 1832, and is a son of William and Jane (McKee) Mayne, and a grandson of William and Mary (Whan) Mayne. Our subject's grandfather immigrated to this country from the north of Ireland when a young man. He and his wife, both of whom lived to enjoy a beautiful old age, reared a family of five children, as follows: Samuel; Jane; William, Jr.; Betsy; Polly; John; and Margaret.

William Mayne, Jr., settled in Lawrence County, where he bought a tract of new land, built a log-house, and cleared about fifteen acres of the very best farming land, on which he followed the honorable pursuits of agriculture all his life, dying at the age of seventy-three. His wife, who lived to the age of thirty-five, was a daughter of James McKee. They were both members in good standing of the United Presbyterian Church. Our subject's father was a Whig, and then a Republican, serving in various offices in the town. Their children were: John; James; Charles; William; Calvin; and Margaret, who died at the age of four years. All the boys are living.

James M. Mayne, after spending the years of his youth in New Castle, where he secured an education, went to Cleveland, Ohio, and learned the carpenter's trade, and from 1856 to 1860 was in Morris, Grundy Co., Ill., engaged in contracting. In 1866, he returned to New Castle, and carried on contracting a number of years, and,

besides building himself a number of houses, including his present dwelling-house, built the First National Bank building and the Opera House in 1868, besides many other structures now included among the best buildings of the city. In 1870, he became interested with J. D. Bryson in the milling industry, and built and furnished the first roller process mill in this part of the country. From that time until 1882, when the mill burned down, they kept developing their business, and increasing their output of fine flour; they incorporated under the name of "Lowell Milling Co.," with D. W. Kennedy as president, and re-built the mill, carrying on a flourishing business until 1890, when Mr. Mayne sold his interest to D. W. Kennedy. Mr. Mayne built a large warehouse on Croton Avenue, where he dealt in feed, hay, straw, and grain until 1893, when he sold out. He still owns four stores on Croton Avenue. He became a stockholder of the Big Meadows Gas Co., and was secretary of it until 1896, when he sold his interest and retired from active business.

In 1855, our subject married Hannah M. Johnston, daughter of James Johnston. She died in 1877, aged forty-two years, leaving five children, as follows: Kate, the wife of J. M. McMillin; Rose McKee, the wife of Seth Marshall; Nettie B., wife of Robert Whitla, a plumber by trade; Nellie D. (twin of Nettie B.), and Bessie, who lives at home with their father. Mr. Mayne married as his second wife Esther Shield, daughter of James Shield. Our subject is a Republican, and has served on the city council and in the select council. He is a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, and well connected in the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN C. FULKERSON, a retired and highly honored citizen of New Castle, was born in the above town, August 29, 1814, and is a son of James and Martha (Johnson) Fulkerson, and a grandson of John and Mary (Alky) Fulkerson.

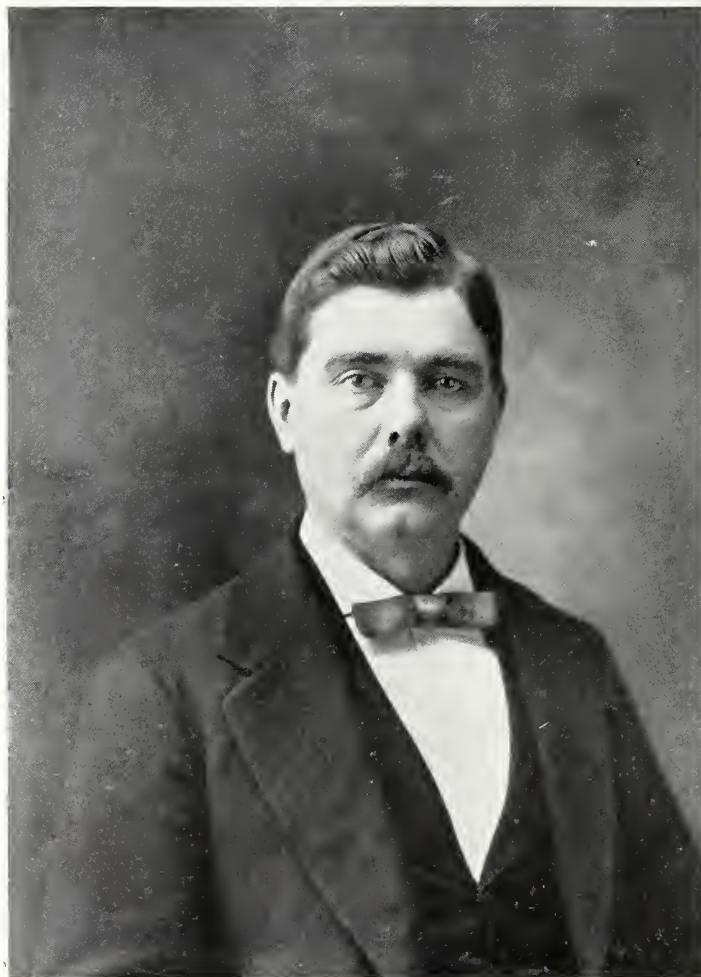
John Fulkerson was of German descent, and the earliest record has him a resident of Virginia, living near Rappahannock, Fredericks County, where our subject's father was born. In 1810, John Fulkerson and his wife came to the town of New Castle in search of a desirable farm on which to locate, traveling three hundred miles on horseback to reach this locality. Mr. Fulkerson was neither a slave-owner nor a believer in the iniquitous practice, and so his coming to this part of Pennsylvania was because he desired to settle in a new country, where slavery had no foot-hold. He secured a farm of 200 acres, adjoining New Castle, and returned to Virginia, and with horses and wagons brought his worldly effects and children, with the exception of two, who chose to remain in their old home. The farm had some few improvements, there being a small log-house or cabin, and a few acres had been cleared by the former occupant by burning, and were consequently very fertile. So it was with little difficulty he installed his household in the new home, and set about acquiring a competence and securing a livelihood; there he reared his family, and with the assistance of his sons cleared the land. Both he and his wife lived to exceed eighty years of age. He was an attendant of the Presbyterian Church, and helped to construct the first church building. There were eight children born to our subject's grandparents, as follows: Lewis; John; Roger; James; Eliza, the wife of Thomas Gillespie;

William; Richard; and Margaret Ann, the wife of William Cox.

James, being one of the oldest of the children who came to Pennsylvania, was of valuable assistance to his father in clearing the farm, and in keeping the wild animals, that abounded thereabouts, from molesting their live stock. For his own farm he bought a tract of 200 acres, adjoining his father's property, which farm Robert J. and Lewis Fulkerson, our subject's brothers, owned later on, and set about in earnest to support himself and to accumulate property; he was a very hard worker, and made the work of clearing as easy as it was possible by burning what would be considered very valuable lumber nowadays, but which was considered in the way of the growing crops then. His brother went to the War of 1812, and James started with him, but met with a fall, which left him a cripple in his left arm the remainder of his life. He was a prominent man among the town's citizens, and active in matters of public interest, but never held an office. He died at the age of seventy-nine. In the battle of life he ever looked on the bright side, was of a cheery disposition and never down-hearted; in his immediate surroundings he was a kind and loving husband and father. His wife, who was a daughter of John Johnson, died at the age of seventy-nine, having borne him eight children, namely: John C., the subject of this notice; Lewis, a farmer of New Castle; Margaret, deceased, formerly the wife of J. R. Squires; Eliza, now deceased, married William C. Hoffman; Robert J., whose sketch appears elsewhere; Jane, deceased, the wife of J. Houk; Matilda, the wife of William Coplin; and James, who resides in the State of Iowa.

John C. Fulkerson at eighteen years of age left the farm to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, served three years' apprenticeship, and worked two years as a journeyman. He then started in business for himself in New Castle, in a small shop on the property, where Mrs. Sankey now resides, on West Washington Street. He became a very skilled workman, and made a specialty of fine work in the line of house furniture; this work he followed until 1861, and many of the elegant pieces of cabinet-work, prized by the leading families of the town, were wrought by his hand. Machinery at length invaded the domain of his trade, and the resulting competition and low prices was too much for our subject, so he turned his attention to carpentry work, which he has followed for some twenty years. He was then appointed to take charge of the county and city bridges, and has been in active life until 1897, when he retired; he resides in a house he built in 1847, and besides owning one adjoining, which he built in 1836, he owns another tenement property in a different part of the town, besides a number of lots. Our subject was a staunch Whig, but is now a Republican.

March 24, 1836, he was joined in holy wedlock with Miss Elizabeth Gibson, daughter of William Gibson; she was born March 19, 1815, and died April 12, 1839, leaving one son—James G., born March 1, 1839, a dealer in coal of New Castle. On Nov. 26, 1839, Mr. Fulkerson united his fortunes with Miss Eliza Houk, daughter of John Houk. She was born May 11, 1814, in Shenango township, this county. They have eight children: Rosaline, born September 7, 1840, died May 3, 1844; John C., Jr., born July 4, 1842, died Dec.



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25, 1872; America V., born May 3, 1844, died Aug. 14, 1845; Aumala C., born Nov. 24, 1848, married M. C. Rose of New Castle, and had three children—Clara, Ralph, and Lenora; Lenora C., born June 20, 1849, married R. P. Pomeroy of Wilmington, and has had four children—Mary C., John, and Diana and Lydia (twins); Sewell N., born Oct. 25, 1855, is a blacksmith of New Castle; Ceylon W., born Jan. 25, 1859, is a machinist of New Castle.

DR. JOSPEH L. COOPER, one of the leading and representative physicians of the city of New Castle, Pa., was born in Taylor township, Lawrence Co., Pa., two miles south of the city of New Castle, Feb. 13, 1861. He is a son of Robert L. Cooper, grandson of James Cooper, and great-grandson of Robert Cooper, who was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to this country about the year 1790, settling in Allegheny County, Pa., where he reared his family, and cared for their wants. James Cooper was born in Allegheny County, in 1796, and in 1843 moved to Lawrence County, where he died in 1861. He married Elizabeth McLester, who died at the age of seventy-six, and they became the parents of seven children, three boys and four girls.

Our subject's father, Robert Cooper, was the second son in order of birth, and first saw the light of day in 1823. He came with his parents to Lawrence County, where he and his brother David bought a farm on Sheep Hill, just south of New Castle, paying \$10 per acre for the tract

of 100 acres. It was not long before they ascertained that they had stumbled upon a very valuable piece of property, for underlying the whole farm is a bed of superior limestone of the best quality; up to the present time only about fifty acres have been worked and quarried, leaving a large fortune yet to be taken from the earth's bowels. The farm still remains in the hands of the Cooper family. Robert Cooper married Nancy A. Jackson, who with the following children survived him at his death in 1892: James H.; Elizabeth (Campbell); Leander; Dr. Joseph L., our subject; Charles O.; Mary (Caldwell); Maud (Davis); and Dr. Edwin S.

Dr. Joseph L. Cooper received a basis for advanced educational studies in the schools of New Castle, and finished his academic education in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa., and in Grove City Academy. In 1881, he became a medical student under Dr. Mont. Linville of New Castle, in whose office he remained two years; he then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and graduated in the Class of 1884. He immediately began to practice and located for one year at New Springfield, Ohio, and then came to New Castle, where he has since practiced and established himself as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city.

Dr. Joseph L. Cooper married Miss Adella Hoover in 1887; she is a daughter of Ephraim Hoover of New Castle. Dr. Edwin S. Cooper is associated with his brother, our subject. He received his academic course at Grove City Academy, and studied medicine with his brother three years, completing his studies at W. U. of P., graduating in the class of 1896. Dr. Joseph L. Cooper is a member of the Lawrence County

Medical Association, and was president of the same in 1896. He is one of the best surgeons in Western Pennsylvania, and his medical practice has grown very extensive, depending upon a reputation for skill and professional daring that is far above the ordinary. One case of a little girl, who was severely burned to such a degree that skin-grafting offered the only chance of saving her life, and restoring her to perfect health, was undertaken by our subject, who, after grafting many hundred pieces of skin, effected a complete cure, and added a world-renowned cure to the annals of modern medical science. He has also at the present writing a remarkable case of the same nature, which is daily yielding to this method of artificial skin-growing, although the art is by no means a new one. It was believed for a long time to be unsuccessful.

We have ever enforced the point that our portrait subjects should stand among the first in their several callings and professions, and so it is with considerable pride we present Dr. Cooper's portrait, an excellent likeness of a gentleman, who excels in his chosen profession and calling in life.

REVILLIAN T. WICK, of the firm of Wick & Fulkerson, leading restaurateurs of New Castle, was born in Butler County, Pa., Oct. 30, 1858, and is a son of Jeremiah C. and Ellen J. (Coovert) Wick, grandson of James and Margaret (McDonald) Wick, and great-grandson of John Wick, who came originally from New Jersey to Butler County, where he bought a large

tract of new and uncultivated land, which kept him busy for many years in clearing, living in the meanwhile in a log-house, which in the usual pioneer fashion he had erected at the first. He lived to the good old age of ninety years, was twice married, and reared a large family, but had only two boys by the first marriage—John and James.

Our subject's grandfather, James Wick, was born in New Jersey and assisted his father in clearing the farm, and served in the War of 1812, being stationed at Fort Erie. When he commenced farming for himself, he secured a farm near Centerville, Butler Co., which was unimproved, and almost entirely in timber; he first built a log-house, and then a frame house, when lumber became more plentiful. He also owned a grist-mill at Harlansburg. His death took place when he was aged eighty-two years; his wife passed over the River of Death into life eternal at the age of eighty. Their union was fruitful of the following children: John W.; James F.; Eliza; Eli; Maria; Julian; Mary; Jeremiah C.; James M.; Sarah E.; and Margaret.

Jeremiah C. Wick assisted his father on the farm until he attained the years of manhood, when he went to Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, and labored as puddler in the iron works for a few years, then after clerking in a grocery store for a short period he ran one on his own account six years in Buena Vista, Butler County, and an equal space of time in Martinsburg, the same county. In 1868, he came to New Castle, and worked as puddler a few years, and for the last few years has been actively engaged in the insurance business, representing the following companies: Metropolitan, Pennsyl-

vania Mutual, and Prudential. In 1890, he built for his daughter Eva the residence at No. 120 Grant Avenue, where he has lived since; before then he lived in another house on Grant Avenue, which he had had erected. He married Ellen J. Coovert, daughter of Samuel Coovert, and to them were born six children, as follows: Ferdinand, who died at the age of two years; Revillian T., our subject; Annie Melissa married William McKee; Teresa Evelyn is a bookkeeper; Lillie Jane died at the age of fifteen years; Addie Zilla married Charles Gleisner of New Castle. Our subject's father is a stanch Republican, and an advocate of temperance. He is a member of the M. E. Church and of the A. O. U. W.

After finishing his schooling, Revillian T. Wick began clerking for Frank Tinswaite, remaining with him about one year. Hower Brothers having purchased the business of Mr. Tinswaite, Mr. Wick continued with them until they discontinued the business. He next engaged with J. Adam Hainer, remaining somewhat over one year. His next engagement was with W. S. Emery, with whom he remained from 1876 to 1881. That year he formed a partnership with A. S. Pattison in the grocery trade, and after one year they dissolved partnership and Mr. Wick accepted a position as clerk with W. S. Emery, remaining till Mr. Emery's death. The store being purchased by Messrs. Kay and Wilkinson, Mr. Wick was with them one year. Sept. 2, 1891, in company with David P. Fulkerson, under the firm name of Wick & Fulkerson, he bought out the Maitland restaurant, and put in new furniture and utensils, imparting a clean, fresh appearance to the place, and furnishing it with a costly equipment, a sample of which may

be found in the range, which cost \$150. That their restaurant at No. 10 Apple Alley has been a success is evidenced from the fact that they have the largest and most select patronage in the city, and have built up an enviable reputation for short-order meals.

Mr. Wick married Agnes Pattison, who was born Feb. 20, 1858, and was a daughter of J. Smith Fulkerson, granddaughter of William Fulkerson, and great-granddaughter of John Fulkerson, a native of Virginia, who came to this county. Mrs. Wick is a sister of our subject's partner, David P. Fulkerson. Mr. and Mrs. Wick live in a fine home, located at No. 78 Elm Street, built by himself in 1892. Politically, Mr. Wick is a Republican. He is a member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics and Woodmen of the World.

THOMAS F. MOREHEAD, a member of the firm of Knox & Morehead, the leading insurance agency of the city of New Castle, office located in the Pearson building, was born in the city of his present residence Oct. 31, 1863.

Our subject's great-grandfather, William Morehead, came from Westmoreland Co., Pa., and settled on a farm between New Castle and Mahoningtown, where he spent his remaining years in rural content. His son James was one of the family which he brought with him. William Morehead died at the age of seventy-two years, preceding his wife, Elizabeth Barnett, several years. Seven daughters and three sons were born to them. James Morehead married

Catherine Henderson, a native of Armstrong Co., Pa., and to them were given nine children, as follows: William; Joseph; Samuel; John; Hugh H.; Selinda (McCleary); James; Elizabeth (McKinley); and Harvey. James Morehead lived to the age of eighty-two years, and his wife to the age of sixty-six. In their religious beliefs and attachments, they strongly favored the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Morehead was a supporter of the Whig party. He lived on the homestead between New Castle and Mahoningtown, and carried on pursuits which were of an agricultural nature.

Hugh H. Morehead, our subject's father, was born on the old homestead July 8, 1814. He received a district school education and at the age of seventeen took up the trade of brick laying and plastering, and followed it a number of years, relinquishing it at last to engage with his brother Samuel in the leather business. They kept a store in New Castle until about the year 1864, drawing a large patronage their way during that time and being very successful financially; in that year the business was closed out, and since then our subject's father has lived a rather retired life. He was a Whig and is now a supporter of Republican candidates and Republican principles. He was joined at the altar, Jan. 26, 1841, to Rachel Falls, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wilson) Falls of New Castle, and their union has resulted in the following family of children: Maria M. (Harbison); Sarah C. (Cunningham); Ellen B. (Bard); Eva (Long); Mary (White); Fannie, deceased; Lizzie D.; and Thomas F. They accept the teachings and precepts of the Presbyterian Church as their rule of life.

Our subject attended the High School of New Castle, finishing his education there, and then from 1876 to 1878 he was a clerk in W. H. McCandless' store. In 1880, he began to clerk for the insurance firm of Harbison & Knox, and remained with them in that capacity until 1896, acquitting himself honorably and usefully in every department of his work. In 1896 he secured the interests of Mr. Harbison, and the firm is now widely known as Knox & Morehead. They do the largest business in the insurance line of any firm in the city, representing as many as sixteen different companies. Mr. Morehead may be always counted on to help in furthering the election of Republican candidates and passage of Republican measures; although he is an active worker and extremely popular he has never accepted any office.

Mr. Morehead married Dorothy Taggart, daughter of John S. and Nancy J. Taggart, and they have two children—Rachel and Dorothy.

HON. DAVID W. AIKEN, one of Lawrence County's most representative men, and a leading agriculturist and fruit dealer of Shenango township, was born in Wayne township, Lawrence County, Sept. 11, 1837. He is an eminent citizen of Shenango township, being both a man of large agricultural interests, and a man endowed with the qualities that make a successful legislator.

He is a descendant of David Aiken, and traces his ancestry back to his grandfather, William

Aiken, Jr., and to his great-grandfather, William Aiken. The latter was born in Ireland, where he passed the early years of manhood until he was attracted by the prospects in America, whither he came, bringing his family, one of whom was William, Jr., and settling near Baltimore, Md. After a period of years, he removed to Westmoreland County, Pa., which was the place of his death.

William Aiken, Jr., the grandfather, removed from Pennsylvania to St. Clairsville, Ohio, and there he was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Newell. The worthy couple was blessed with the birth of triplets, whom they named David, William and Dorothy. In 1801, William Aiken, Jr., returned to Pennsylvania, making his home in Wayne township, at that time a part of Beaver County, but now included in Lawrence County. In 1821, some time after the death of his wife, he married Miss Margaret Clark, and they lived happily together until her death in 1845. Immediately after his settlement in Wayne township, Mr. Aiken became interested in the milling business, and built a carding-mill and also a saw-mill and grist-mill, being engaged in this line of work until his death at the age of eighty-three years.

David Aiken, father of the Hon. David W. Aiken, was born during the time of the family residence in Ohio, in 1800. He remained in Wayne township, where his father had located until 1845, when he obtained possession of a tract of land in Shenango township, this county, 267 acres in extent, and there he lived and farmed until his death. He was a Whig, and during his life-time served as assessor, and also as school director; he was a delegate to the first

county convention that was held in the county. The wife of Mr. Aiken was Martha Vance, daughter of James Vance of Slippery Rock township, and she was born in 1807, and passed away in 1883. Their children were: Martha; Dorothy (Van Horn); William N.; James W., who fell at the battle of Petersburg in defense of the Union; David W.; Isaiah W., who also served in the Federal Army, and who died from disease he contracted there; William H.; Sarah E. (Adams), deceased; Mary J. (Palmer), deceased; Margaret M. (Walton), deceased; and Isabella T., deceased. The family attended the United Presbyterian Church, where David Aiken, the father, took an active part in church affairs, and acted as trustee for many years, keeping up his interest until his death, which occurred March 1, 1860. He was a colonel in the State militia and was commonly known as Col. David Aiken.

Hon. David W. Aiken, whose history is chronicled here, was the fifth child of David and Mary (Vance) Aiken, and came with the family from Wayne to Shenango township, where he passed the early years of his life, and at maturity engaged in farming. In 1861, he enlisted for a period of three months in Co. F, 12th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and in 1864 he re-enlisted in Co. I, 6th Battalion Pa. Heavy Art., where he was almost immediately promoted from his position as private to the rank of fourth sergeant, which promotion was followed in a short time by another to the rank of second lieutenant, which office he held until he was mustered out June 16, 1865.

In 1869, Mr. Aiken was married to Mary A. Young, daughter of James and Margaret (Scott)

Young of Perry township, and took up his residence on the homestead, a half of which had been apportioned to him from his father's estate. Here he has lived since that time, devoting himself to farming and fruit-raising, in which he has attained a satisfactory degree of success, for during the season of 1897, the crop from his apple trees amounted to over 1,000 bushels. Mr. Aiken's family consists of: Martha B., who married J. Barclay Gibson; J. Frank; Dora M.; and Mary E., and they attend the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Aiken possesses the keen instinct of a politician, and, with the happy faculty that characterizes a man of Irish-American origin, he succeeds in holding his own, and in winning others to his side. Shortly after passing his majority, he was elected constable and collector, and served in this capacity for five years. He has held various township offices, and in 1870 he was appointed to take the census in six townships of Lawrence County. Mr. Aiken derives his title of "Honorable" from his service in the State Legislature, where he had the privilege of representing his district during the years of 1873-74, 77-78 and 79. He has been a justice of the peace since 1885, receiving successive commissions in 1890, 1895, and 1896. He is a member of Princeton Post, G. A. R., and has served as quartermaster. On account of his success in political affairs, Mr. Aiken is often chosen as a delegate to county and state conventions, and his career as a farmer and as a loyal follower of the "Stars and Stripes" places him among the foremost men of Lawrence County. He also was school director twelve years, not missing a meeting in all that time.

JOHN ELDER, one of the best-posted men in the early history of Lawrence County, now living in honored retirement in the city of New Castle, was born at Slippery Rock, this county, Sept. 2, 1820, and is a son of William and Dorcas (Wilkin) Elder, and grandson of John Elder, who was born in 1755 in the northern part of Ireland, and was a son of Thomas Elder, a Scotchman.

John Elder, our subject's grandfather, came to the United States in 1802, and settled in Slippery Rock, now Scott township, this county, and bought a farm, now owned by the McCracken estate, where he lived until his death at the age of eighty-five. His wife, who was Nancy Rose of Bedford Co., Pa., also possessed a very strong constitution, and lived to enjoy ninety-five summers. Fifteen children—ten daughters and five sons—were born to them, and all of them grew up to maturity.

William Elder, son of the foregoing, settled about three miles from the old homestead, and engaged in farming, afterwards keeping a general store at Harlansburg, drawing all his supplies by team from Pittsburg, forty-one miles away. In the War of 1812 he served as a volunteer. Besides his mercantile life, he cleared up a good farm, or was engaged in doing so, and while raising the frame for a barn was caught by a falling timber, and killed in 1828. His wife lived to the age of fifty-two years. Of the nine children born to them, Hannah, the wife of J. E. McConnell, John, the subject of this sketch, and Mrs. Robert Peoples are the only ones living to-day. After the death of William Elder, our subject's mother married as her second husband James Brown.



JUDGE WILLIAM D. WALLACE.

Our subject attended the public schools, and in 1836 became a clerk for John Wilson at Harlansburg, and later engaged in farming. In 1847, as partner of Michael Jordan, he took charge of the store, and in 1850 served as county auditor, and in 1860 filled the position of prothonotary for six years. For twenty-five years he was actively identified with the educational interests of the town, being a member of the school board for that length of time, and also overseer of the poor. In 1860, he sold his store at Harlansburg, and removed to New Castle, and in 1866 purchased the Dr. Whipple farm of 150 acres, located at the east end of Court Street. A portion of this he has reserved for his private needs, and on that section in 1873 built the large frame residence, which stands there to-day; the rest of the property has been divided up into building lots, many of which have been sold. He has also dealt largely in other real estate. From the period of his first residence in New Castle he has been classed among the first citizens and most enterprising business men. He was one of the first stockholders and one of the founders of the New Castle Agricultural Works, which were erected in 1870, and were devoted to the manufacture of Lawrence mowing machines, reaping machines, and sulky horse rakes; a very extensive business was enjoyed for two years, until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1873.

Our subject's wife, Eliza, daughter of James P. Elliott, was born in 1829, and has borne him six children, who are as follows: Margaret, who married S. B. Marshall; William J., of Warren Co., Pa.; Lillie, who married Judge J. W. McKinley of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mary lives at home; John is the teller of the National Bank of

Lawrence County; Hannah D. died in her youth. Mr. Elder commenced to exercise his franchise as a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party immediately transferred his allegiance thither. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has been since 1863, in that year also becoming a charter member of the Union League. Although quite advanced in years, he bears his years with grace, and few men of sixty years are so active. He is sound in his judgment, a great reader, and because of this habit of always being posted on current events, he is never unprepared to engage with an adversary in debate, and he has ever proved himself no mean antagonist, and is never content without a complete victory. His opinions on the live question of the day are not put forward without due deliberation, and are then respected and valued on every hand.

JUDGE WILLIAM D. WALLACE. Social and political position in the United States is not dependent, as in most of the Old World monarchies, on titles or on long lines of family ancestors, but is rather based on a man's own achievements—if a person has estimable qualities he will be well thought of. A self-made man, one who owes his success in great part to his own individual efforts, is the type of a man, of whom we Americans are pardonably proud, perhaps because his struggles against adverse circumstances and a comparatively humble beginning to success and honor so nearly resemble the life of our own nation. Among the brilliant number

of self-made men of whom Lawrence County boasts, we would be extremely unwilling to pass by without due mention the name of the subject of this sketch, William D. Wallace, Esq., present judge of the courts of Lawrence County, who, because of his splendid fight to have the bill passed by the Legislature, making Lawrence County a separate judicial district, was elected to the judgeship thus created on Nov. 6, 1894.

Judge Wallace is a son of the late Dr. James J. Wallace, one of the most eminent practitioners of medicine in this county, and was born in New Castle, May 15, 1857. Our subject's whole life has been spent in Lawrence County; he graduated from Westminster College in 1881, and was a very popular young man among students and faculty as a bright student and a leader in athletic sports. Having chosen the law as a profession, he studied the fundamental principles of legal procedure and jurisprudence in the office of Messrs. Dana & Long of New Castle and was admitted to practice in 1882. Professionally, his life has been marked by a high sense of justice, a keen sympathy for the poor and oppressed suitor, and a plainly shown impatience at that public clamor which now and then usurps the place of public justice and demands a victim without much heed as to the question of guilt or innocence. When he became judge he gave up a large and increasing practice, which was becoming very profitable.

On the bench he has a graceful, dignified bearing. His rulings and opinions are delivered firmly, dispassionately, and with evident full intent to treat the case fairly and impartially. He is alike courteous to the youngest attorney and to the oldest member of the bar.

In his political attachments, Judge Wallace is a Republican. He first came prominently before the public eye through stumping the county on various issues. He attracted attention and many favorable comments as he debated with vigor or made convincing arguments on some cause or other. His mind works with the smoothness of machinery; his perceptions are clear and exact. His literary style is simple and unstudied, disliking and avoiding all attempts at display, and having a marked distaste for verbosity. Cool and cautious, and in purpose independent and bold, no man gains an advantage of him by a personal assault, for he will strike back upon the weak point of his adversary with unerring aim and relentless force. Like all men who have been in public life, Judge Wallace has undoubtedly made his enemies, but never cherishes a hard feeling toward another, so that when he greets his bitterest foe without the slightest appearance of enmity, his friendliness frequently heals the breach and causes his opponents to become his warmest friends.

As an individual in the private walks of life, his principal characteristics are a cheerful nature and a briskness of manner that impresses those who meet him with the idea that he is intensely alive. He is a close student of human nature, and this, coupled with his genial disposition and tact, wins him friends wherever he goes. It is, in fact, one of the chief secrets of his success, for it matters not whether he meets a white man or a negro, a banker or a laborer, he is sure to give him the same warm grasp of the hand and hearty greeting. Apart from his business cares, Judge Wallace takes an active interest in social matters. He is a good conversationalist, and

when at leisure is always willing to spend an evening in society. He seldom, if ever, joins a party without his wife, who is a woman of amiable disposition and fine accomplishments, chief among which is a love of music. Mrs. Wallace is recognized as one of the sweetest singers in New Castle. The judge's portrait appears on a foregoing page, and it is with the deepest pleasure that we present the likeness of one who occupies so prominent and important a position in the legal and judicial circles of Lawrence County.

JOHN B. BROWN, a prominent citizen of New Castle, who, although thrown on his own resources at an early age, managed to acquire an education and become known as a prosperous, self-made man, winning the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, and finding time to fill various offices of responsibility in addition to attending to his private business, is a leading dealer in real estate to-day, and was born in New Castle, Pa., May 18, 1855. He is a son of James and Jane (Britten) Brown, who were both born near Enniskillen, Ireland.

Our subject's father, when about twenty years of age, came to America, and found work in Washington County, of this State, in the rolling-mills, and was engaged in that industry the greater part of the active period of his life until he retired; he is living at the advanced age of seventy-three at this writing in New Castle, where he reared his family. His wife died at the age of fifty-eight, death being caused by injuries

received by falling down-stairs. Their children were: John B., the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, widow of the late George Truesdale; Kate L., the wife of Frank Simpson of New Castle; James H., the Chief of the Fire Department of New Castle; and Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of Homer Reynolds.

At the age of nine years, John B. Brown found employment in the rolling-mills as an assistant boy, and worked for a number of years, until he reached the years of young manhood, at a small wage; upon attaining the years of maturity, he realized that he was lacking a good education, and accordingly entered the One Study College, and fitted himself for a business life at his own expense. Having accumulated some little capital, he invested in real estate, buying lots, and having built on them, selling the property thus improved at good prices, allowing him a comfortable profit, and enabling him to increase his capital, and widen the field of his operations. This business, in connection with other ventures, he followed until 1896, having built thirty houses in the meantime. In 1883, he was elected alderman of the Fourth Ward for a term of five years, and was re-elected to another term of same duration in 1888, but in November of that year he was elected to the Legislature and served for two years. In 1890, he was elected to the position of mayor of New Castle, and filled that office to the entire satisfaction of the citizens of New Castle until 1893, and has since served two terms in the select council, serving one term as the president of that body. He is an active member of the Republican County Committee, and is skilled in practical politics. He was appointed postmaster of New Castle by President McKin-

ley May 1st, 1897, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of that position June 1st, 1897. In 1890, he became associated with S. B. Marshall in the U. S. Detective Association, and remained in that connection until 1896, when his business demanded his whole time, and so he relinquished the detective work. Mr. Brown, in his building operations and real estate dealings, has built a number of stores, and as a silent partner has entered into their operation.

Mr. Brown married Miss Eva A. Moore, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Moore, and has one child, George C., born Nov. 14, 1880. He has a fine residence at No. 467 South Mill Street, which he built for his home in 1891. He is a member of the Western Star Lodge, K. of P., No. 160; New Castle Council, No. 131, O. U. A. M.; and New Castle Home Circle, No. 6.

WILLIAM A. EVANS, a prominent merchant of Mahoningtown, conducting a large and constantly increasing business in his handsome new block on Cherry Street, is a native of the neighboring county of Beaver, where he was born Dec. 21, 1862. He is a son of James and Sarah (Freed) Evans.

James Evans was born in Virginia, and is now living in retirement in Pulaski, this county, at the age of seventy years, a venerable and highly respected old gentleman. When a boy he took to river life, and became a mate on one of the river steamers plying on the river near his birth-place in Virginia. At the age of twenty, he came to Beaver County, where he followed

mining for a time, and then bought and operated a canal boat, running from Erie to Pittsburgh and return. Next he became a railroad contractor, and for a period of eighteen years accepted and successfully completed jobs in grading and preparing the road-bed for the iron, during which time he carried out the contracts for the construction of the Allegheny Valley R. R. through the Allegheny mountains, three miles near Freeport, and several contracts for the Pennsylvania R. R. His last contract was for three miles in Mercer County for the New Castle and Franklin R. R. Since relinquishing railroad contracting, he has constructed many county bridges, and built no small number of roads. He finally retired from active work to live on the competency gained in many years of toil, and possesses a comfortable home in Pulaski, where he bids fair to live many years yet, and emulate the example of his ancestors, who were remarkably strong physically, and lived to very advanced ages. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Both he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church. She was born in Beaver County, and was a daughter of John Freed, who was a farmer and one of the oldest settlers in the county; he died in 1884, aged eighty years. During the early days of the settlement of the county, when game both great and small was in abundance, he was a great hunter, and many tales of his adventures still pass current among the residents of the section where he lived.

The family moved to Lawrence County, when our subject was seven years old, and his education was obtained in the district schools of the county, supplemented with one term at North Liberty and one year at Sharpsville, where he

finished at the age of seventeen. When he attained his majority, he became fireman of the Pennsylvania R. R., where he was employed in that capacity from 1888 to 1891. In the latter year he bought a store at Homewood, which he conducted one year, and then came to Mahoningtown, starting in operation in this borough a store on Liberty Street, which grew and flourished under his careful and judicious management for four years, when the increase in his business and the demand for a better location and roomier quarters led him to undertake to provide for himself the store-room he desired. Accordingly, in 1896, he built after his own plans a large, commodious block on Cherry Street, which he now occupies with a finely assorted stock of groceries and provisions, rapidly building up a most enviable trade by his genial, accommodating manners, his evident desire to make friends of his customers and to give them the best the market affords, and by having on hand only the freshest and purest of groceries.

In Beaver County occurred his marriage to Nora Witherspoon, who was born in that county, a daughter of John H. and Emeline (Johnson) Witherspoon, both natives of the Keystone State. The fruit of this union has been two children—William D. Wayne and Pearl W. The family are Methodists in religious belief, and attend the M. E. Church of Mahoningtown. Mr. Evans' political views are sympathetic with the Democratic party. He is a member of Amazon Lodge, No. 336, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown; Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and of the Order of Railway Trainmen.

LEWIS C. COCHRAN of New Castle, a dealer in flour, feed, hay and grain, was born in Indiana County, April 23, 1848, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Cochran, and a grandson of William and Sarah Cochran. Our subject's grandparents were born in Ireland, and upon their immigration to this country settled in Indiana Co., Pa., where they lived to a good old age; Sarah Cochran was exceptionally long-lived, attaining the age of 103 years, being active and vigorous even to the last, with her strength of body, of seeing and hearing, impaired to an inappreciable degree.

William Cochran, Jr., was born in Indiana County, and started out in life as an agriculturist, at which vocation he was very successful. He was a leading and prominent man, and served as constable of the town. In middle life, something like a ring-worm appeared on his cheek, and at first little thought was given to it, but as the months rolled by and it increased in size and brought to him added discomforts, he determined to consult a skilled physician, and accordingly rode on horseback to Philadelphia to have it examined and if need be to have it operated on. He was there informed that it was a cancer, and that no cure for it could be had; it eventually caused his death at the age of forty-eight. His wife survived him many years, reaching the age of seventy-eight years, her death resulting from a serious fall on the ice. They were Episcopalians in religious belief. Our subject's father was a Democrat, politically. There were born to them the following children: Jane, deceased; Archibald of Indiana, Pa.; Ruth, deceased; Rosanna, deceased; Alexander of Indiana, Pa.; Nancy, deceased; Stewart, deceased;

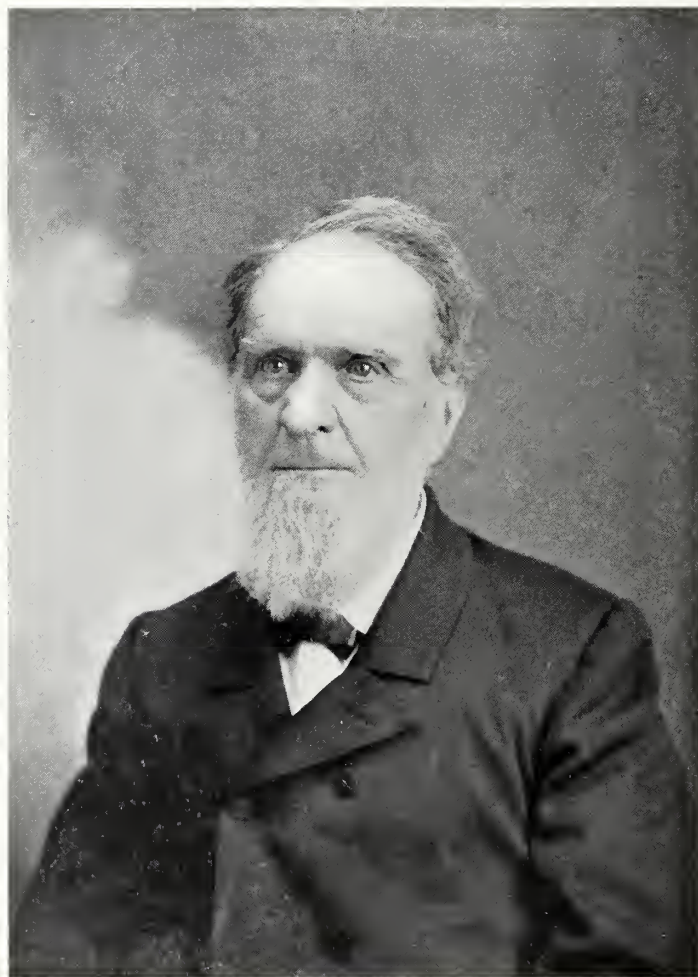
Lily Ann, who married Peter Kunkle of Indiana, Pa.; John, deceased; Martha E., who married S. T. Hayes, now of New Castle; Lewis C., our subject; and George, deceased.

Lewis C. Cochran's education was limited to the instruction he received in the district schools of his native place, attending those institutions till fourteen years of age, and then started out for himself at farming, continuing to labor at that occupation until 1866, when he came to New Castle to clerk in the Leslie House. He remained in that connection two years, and then clerked for Pierce, Clapp & Co.; during this time he availed himself of every opportunity to acquire a more comprehensive education, studying far into the night and at every chance moment. This diligence was not to go unrewarded, for the proprietors leaving him in charge of the business for a short time, our subject exhibited such skill and excellent judgment, that he was afterwards promoted to the position of bookkeeper, in which station he remained eleven years. He then opened a feed and flour store, where Develin's saloon is now on East Street, and ran a successful business there for nearly four years. He then bought the old Dr. Tidball property, where the house had been destroyed by fire, and in 1883 built a new house, and a feed store, to which he added a grocery store in 1887, and conducted both stores until 1896, when he relinquished the management of the grocery to his sons, William and Jessie L., who, under the firm name of Cochran Bros., enjoy a highly prosperous business. Our subject still has charge of the flour and feed store. He has built, in addition to the store and warehouse, a brick barn and a bakery, and in

1873 erected a brick residence, which at present is owned by Dr. Pollock.

Mr. Cochran married Miss Rebecca Tunison, daughter of James Tunison of Mercer County, and has four children, namely: William James, born Feb. 11, 1871, who married Ella Calderman, he is the senior member of the firm of Cochran Bros.; Jennie Agnes, born Oct. 20, 1873, married Harry G. Kieser of New Castle; Jessie L., born Sept. 26, 1875, is a member of the firm of Cochran Bros., and married Hannah Watkins; Charles T., born June 16, 1877, is a clerk. Our subject never fails to give his earnest and hearty support to the support of the Democratic party. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and is a Royal Templar of Temperance, and a member of the Order of Ben Hur.

JAMES N. FALLIS, a broker of New Castle, and large real estate owner and dealer of that city, was born in Brantford, County of Brant, Ontario, Canada, June 1, 1849, and is a son of Sergeant James and Mary (Thompson) Fallis, who were both born in County Fermanagh, Ireland. James Fallis was a British soldier most of his life, and took part in the memorable Battle of Waterloo, in which engagement he received a bullet in the forehead, and carried it there for many years thereafter. He was commissioned by the British Government as drill-master, and was stationed at Toronto, where he prepared recruits for the army. At the age of ninety, he could ride a horse, go through the full cavalry drill, and cut an apple in two with his saber



ELDER JOHN T. PHILLIP.

while riding at full tilt. He was a skilled officer, and fully understood all the details that came in his department; he ranked as sergeant-major upon his retirement from the army. He lived to be ninety-seven years of age, and his wife was ninety-two at her death. Their children were named as follows: Margaret H.; Jane; John; Sarah; Elizabeth; Isabella; Noble; Maria; James N.; and Lucinda.

Our subject, after attending High School, studied law with his brother John, but not liking the profession well enough to stick to it as a means of livelihood, he learned the tinsmith's trade, and in 1863 went to San Francisco, Cal., and opened a store at No. 8 Fourth Street, where he carried on a prosperous business in stoves, tinware, crockery, and took contracts for plumbing. In 1869 he sold the store, and went to Chicago, where he was engaged in the same line of business until 1873, when he came to New Castle, where, on May 8th of the same year, he married Miss Mary Kerningham, daughter of John and Margaret (McClelland) Kerningham. Mrs. Fallis' father was a gentleman of County Down, Ireland, and there she was born.

Mr. Fallis has a fine residence at No. 49 North Jefferson Street, where he lives, and since he has lived in New Castle has been identified with real estate interests and conducted a highly profitable business as a broker. He owns the following real estate: Two houses on West Fall Street; three houses on Shenango Street; one house on Luton Street; two houses on Jefferson Street; one house on Grant Street; four houses on Croton Street; and one house on Lincoln Avenue. He has also a farm of 180 acres and another one of 65 acres in Shenango township, and a farm in

Wayne township. Our subject has been a member of the New Castle city council twenty-one years, and is president of the select council, and has been most active in improving the city, and in advancing its numerous interests. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a charter member of the Commandery of Knights Templar. In his business life he has exhibited great push and energy and has been far-sighted in his speculations. He is a deservedly popular man, and is well entitled to the great respect and esteem in which he is held.

ELDER JOHN T. PHILLIP, an appointed minister of the Christian Church, but now retired from active work in the ministry, is interested with his son, Errett E., in the real estate business in New Castle, under the style of J. T. Phillip & Son; and engaged in teaching Bible classes in the Y. M. C. A. and the congregation of Disciples in New Castle; he is one of the county's most highly respected citizens, for his life-work is one of which he or any one else might well rejoice. He was born in Little Beaver township, Lawrence County, which township was then included in Beaver County, Jan. 6, 1826, and is a son of Ephraim and Anna (Newton) Phillip, and a grandson of Thomas Phillip.

Ephraim Phillip was born in Trenton, N. J., as was also his wife; they were married there and with horse and wagon came to Enon Valley, this county, where they bought a farm in a locality which was then desolate and practically

uninhabited, with the soil as nature left it, untouched by plough or harrow. To afford them a shelter till better times, he built a log house, which remained their home until the land was partially cleared, and until he began to make brick, when he built a large brick house, which is still standing, and as it was on the State Road he kept a tavern in it. He also built a fulling mill and did custom work, but as the soil was very sandy he had hard work to keep a dam intact, until he set out a number of sycamore trees, which were effective in protecting the work. In 1828, he traded the property, so well improved under his able hands, with Mr. James Adair for property at Westfield near Mt. Jackson, this county, where he built a saw-mill and carried on general farming until his death at the early age of forty-three years, which was occasioned by a severe cold, which developed into bilious fever which caused his death.

He preceded his wife by many years to the home of the blest on the other shore. He was a Democrat (the political parties then were Democrats and Whigs) and a member of the Christian Church at Enon Valley, this county. The following children were born to him: Thomas, who died young; Catherine, by marriage Catherine Taylor, deceased; Isaac N., deceased; Sarah, who married J. W. McCallen, and resides on the homestead; Ephraim, deceased, who was a farmer; John Taylor, our subject; Mary, deceased; Charles M. of Pasadena, Cal.; another Mary, deceased; and Thomas W. of New Castle.

Our subject attended the common schools to secure a substantial basis for a higher education until he was nineteen years old, when he began teaching. He then entered the Allegheny Col-

lege at Meadville, Pa., where he was a student for two sessions, subsequently attending Bethany College of Virginia for a year, where from over-study he broke down, and was compelled because of his ill-health to return home. After regaining his health by vigorous out-door work, he again took up his profession, and received a call to the congregation of Disciples at Bazett, now Cortland, Ohio, which he visited for several years, also preaching in Missouri and in a number of other localities. He took up his ministry in the congregation of the Disciples or Christian Church of New Castle in 1862. This church was organized in 1853, at which early period in the society's existence the congregation used to meet in the Covenanters' Church. The beautiful, large church edifice, which stands to-day among the finest church structures of the county, owes its existence mainly to the generosity of Phillip Bros., who were producers of petroleum, of which our subject was one.

The material progress of New Castle has been greatly aided by Mr Phillip's work in the real estate line. He bought the Robert Stewart farm of 100 acres, in the city limits, paying therefor \$30,000 cash, which property was at that date one of the most valuable in the county. This farm has been divided into lots and many of them sold, Mr. Phillip owning about thirty-five acres at the present time. He went into the real estate business quite extensively, and a few years later his son, Errett E., became associated with him, under the firm name of J. T. Phillip & Son, with office for the transaction of real estate and insurance business at No. 115½ East Washington Street. Our subject was in ante-bellum days a strong anti-slavery man, but has been allied with

the Republican party since the date of its full organization until recently—is now a Prohibitionist.

On Feb. 7, 1855, he led to the altar Martha J. Cable, who was born May 25, 1832, died Feb. 15, 1878, and was a daughter of David and Rosanna Cable of Steubenville, Ohio. The children by this marriage were: Rose A., born Feb. 8, 1856, who married O. H. P. Brown, a dry goods merchant of New Castle; Sally J., born Jan. 29, 1858, lives at home; Fanny M., born Jan. 23, 1860, married John F. Stone of Indiana, now residing in Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory; Lewis O., M. D. of New Castle, was born May 7, 1862; Charles M., born May 17, 1864, died young; Errett E., born Nov. 20, 1866, is in partnership with his father; John B., born Nov. 22, 1868, lives at home; Pearl A., born Jan. 13, 1872, married Dr. W. A. Miller of New Castle, died in 1896; and Maud A., born Nov. 13, 1874, married Burt E. Ross of New Castle. Mr. Phillip married as his second wife, June 3, 1879, Miss Mary Lanham, who was born July 23, 1836, and was a daughter of Gabriel Lanham, a minister of the Gospel.

We present Mr. Phillip's portrait on a preceding page, and we are certain it will prove a very interesting feature in this volume.

PETER S. RHODES is a train dispatcher of the Pennsylvania R. R., and lives at Mahoningtown, and his biography might be entitled "The History of a Successful Young Man," for he has risen to his present position from the post of telegraph operator.

Mr. Rhodes is a son of David and Helen M. (Shaffer) Rhodes, his mother being a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Cameron) Shaffer, the latter of Scotch-Irish descent. His maternal grandfather, Peter Shaffer, was a native of Pennsylvania, and tilled the soil in that State until his death at the age of seventy-eight.

David Rhodes, the father of the young man whose history it is our purpose to chronicle, was also a native of the Keystone State, his home being east of the mountains in early childhood until his father, Solomon Rhodes, removed to Mahoningtown, and, following the footsteps of his forefathers, secured his living from the earth by farming. Rebecca Bender was the maiden name of David Rhodes' mother. During his period of activity, David was a carpenter and builder, as he possessed more talent for construction than could be of advantage on a farm. Up to the date of his withdrawal from active labor, more than half of the buildings in the borough had been planned and erected by him and his brothers. At the time of the building of the New Castle and Beaver Valley R. R., a first superintendent of construction was appointed, and the man chosen to fill that position was Mr. Rhodes, whose work was to build depots along the line of the railroad. Mr. Rhodes has been a very busy man, but has found time to take an active interest in politics as a staunch Republican. He and his good wife are members of the M. E. Church, and beside his helpful work in the church, he did valuable service for the borough of Mahoningtown as one of the six members of its first council. He is the proud father of four sons, all of whom are emulating his example, and identifying themselves with

railroad work. Irwin is an engineer on the Pennsylvania R. R., and lives in Mahoningtown. Peter S., about whom we will speak a little further on, is a train dispatcher for the same road. Charles W. is a baggage-master and lives in Mahoningtown. David D. is a fireman with headquarters at home in Mahoningtown.

Peter S. Rhodes has been referred to as a young man, and he is such in truth, for he was born June 10, 1864. His boyhood days were devoted, as is customary, to acquiring an education in the common schools, and at the age of seventeen years he graduated from the high school of New Castle, and soon after was ready to begin his career. He took up telegraphy in the railway station at home, and under the tutelage of S. G. Blanchard, he soon proved that he had the quick hand and the cool, steady brain of a good operator. When he had become proficient, he entered the employ of the P. & L. E. R. R., and was put in charge of the station at Davis Island Dam. Other places where he was sent for varying periods are Hazelton, Fallstown, and New Castle Junction. At the last place, he left the service of the railroad company and accepted a position with the Western Union Telegraph Co. at New Castle. In 1882, his was the good fortune to be offered a situation in the office of the train dispatcher at Youngstown, Ohio, where he seized every chance of improvement, and was rewarded for his efforts in the short space of six months by being appointed extra dispatcher. He has more than fulfilled the hopes of his friends by continuing in the same place for twelve years.

Mr. Rhodes chose for his wife a lady who was a native of New Castle, Pa., the daughter of Levi

D. and Ella (Werner) Durban, Lillian D., and she is the mother of two boys—Levi Durban and Donald Newell Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes and family are earnest workers in the Presbyterian Church, to which they belong. Politically, Mr. Rhodes' sympathies are Republican, and in 1897 he was honored by an election to the presidency of the borough council. He is a member of the social orders: Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M. of New Castle; and Amazon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown. He has a pleasant and commodious home on Railroad Street, where his many friends are always welcome, and sure to be entertained in a royal manner.

JAMES W. ROBINSON, who resides in Mahoningtown, is a long-time and trusted employee of the Pennsylvania R. R., having been connected with the train service of that road for almost thirty years. He was born in West New Castle, Jan. 1, 1854, and is a son of Andrew G. and Frances (Edwards) Robinson. Andrew G. Robinson, whose father fought in the War of 1812, was born in the region of Hollidaysburg, Pa., about 1812, one of a family of sixteen boys and one girl born to his parents. He grew to manhood in that city, and married there. He was a charcoal burner by trade, the charcoal going to supply the large iron furnaces; after coming to New Castle in 1842 or 1843, he still followed that business until bituminous coal took the place of the charcoal, and then his occupation giving out he learned the trade of an iron-worker, and was employed in the iron-

mills the remaining active years of his life. He died in New Castle at the age of seventy-three years. His wife was born in Wales in 1813, and was left an orphan at an early age; she came to the United States with her two brothers, John and Joseph, when she was seventeen years old in 1830, and settled in Hollidaysburg. Her first three children were born there. Of the family of eleven children they reared, seven boys and four girls, seven survive. The record reads as follows: Sarah Jane, who married David Huttenbaugh, an operative in the rolling-mills at New Castle; David, who was killed in the service of his country in the late war; Thomas, deceased; Zechariah, a mill operative of New Castle; Joseph, the chief of police of New Castle; Andrew, a puddler in the iron works at New Castle; Edward, deceased; Lizzie, deceased; Margaret, the wife of Charles Overy, a mill operative of New Castle; James, the tenth in order of birth, and subject of this sketch; and Fannie, the wife of Edward J. Murphy, an engineer living in Mahoningtown.

Our subject was reared in New Castle, and attended the public schools there until his fourteenth year during the winter seasons; being at that age a large and strong youth, he secured a place as fireman on the Pennsylvania R. R., performing his first work for the company Dec. 18, 1868. He was thus employed until Oct. 14, 1872, when he was promoted to the position of engineer, in which position he has been continued as a valued employee, and has held it with credit to himself and eminent satisfaction to his employers since. Probably the worst wreck that it has been the lot of Mr. Robinson to be mixed up in occurred at Clinton, Pa., on Dec.

18, 1878, just ten years to a day from his initiation in railroading. On this occasion Mr. Robinson suffered a severe injury in a fractured left leg, which necessitated his being "sent to the shop for repairs," and his not being able to resume his run until the first of April following. During his railroad life of nearly thirty years, he has missed but one pay, and that was when he was in Chicago for treatment—a record for steady employment few can equal.

Mr. Robinson was married in New Castle, June 25, 1876, to Anna G. Sankey, daughter of T. F. and Caroline (Somers) Sankey, the latter a daughter of Samuel, Jr., and Eliza C. (Rankin) Somers. Samuel Somers was born in 1794, married his wife in 1822, and died in 1829, at the early age of thirty-five years. Two children have been born to Mr. Robinson and his wife: Walter Scott, a young man of twenty years, who is just entering upon a business career, and obtaining the training necessary to become a successful business man; and James Garfield, a bright boy, who died Feb. 11, 1889, aged eight years, when an inmate of the School for the Blind, where he was being educated. The loss of his eyesight was through the effects of meningitis, the malady being further aggravated by a subsequent fall. The sudden summons that came to him, when he was far from home, has made his memory doubly dear to the bereaved parents. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are members in good standing of the M. E. Church of Mahoningtown. He is a Republican in politics, and was formerly a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is a member of the Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, F. & A. M. of New Castle.

JAMES R. HOOVER, a resident of Shengango township, who is engaged in farming and fruit-raising on his farm about three miles southeast of New Castle, was born in that city, Oct. 18, 1849, and is a son of Ephraim and Rachel (Kocher) Hoover, the latter a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and a daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Smith) Kocher. Ephraim Hoover was a native of Bedford Co., Pa., and a son of Martin and Margaret (Conner) Hoover, the latter a daughter of John Conner, who was a soldier of the War of 1812. Martin Hoover was born in Huntingdon Co., Pa. His son, Ephraim, came to Beaver County in 1834, when nine years of age, and when seventeen years old he began working in the rolling-mills under the employ of James D. White, and continued to work in the rolling-mills for thirty-nine years, working many years in Pittsburg, and being present during the big fire of April 10, 1845. He next lived in Youngstown, Ohio, and later made his home in Wheeling, W. Va. For twenty-two years, Mr. Hoover occupied the same house on Lawrence Street, New Castle, and in 1860 bought his present farm of thirty-one acres, lying on the southern edge of the city of New Castle, which farm he has planted to fruits of various kinds. Six children were born to him: Adam C.; James R., the subject of this sketch; Laura J., who became the wife of David Gaston; Willis H.; Della R., who married Dr. Joseph Cooper of New Castle, whose biography appears in full elsewhere in this volume; and Edith Emma. Mrs. Hoover is a devout member and constant attendant of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hoover was for forty years a member of the M. E. Church, and then withdrew from that society,

and joined the Disciples Church. He is an enthusiastic Odd Fellow, has been a member ever since Sept. 20, 1856, and is also a member of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Encampment.

James R. Hoover was reared in New Castle, and was a pupil in that city's public schools until he had reached the age of eighteen years, when he began working in the rolling-mills, where he was employed ten years. In 1876, he bought his present farm of fifty-two acres, which he utilizes in general farming and in raising fruits; he has in bearing 200 fine peach trees and 100 apple. He has identified himself with all the interests of his neighborhoods, and is one of the best citizens of a first-class community. He has been very successful in his agricultural ventures, and his love for the beautiful has led him to adorn his home, which everywhere shows evidences of his good taste and practical skill.

On October 14, 1875, in Mahoningtown, occurred Mr. Hoover's marriage to Kate Lloyd, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Long) Lloyd, the latter a daughter of Arthur G. and Catherine (Thompson) Long, and granddaughter of Arthur G. Long, a native of Greenville, Pa., who owned a woolen mill on Big Run, which he operated many years. Arthur G. Long also owned a large tract of land along the stream, which is now a suburb of the city of New Castle, and has become a valuable piece of property in the hands of his heirs. Samuel Lloyd was born in Staffordshire, Eng., son of George and Mary (Bagget) Lloyd, the latter a native of Darlington, Staffordshire, Eng., and a daughter of Moses and Sarah (Wilkes) Baggett. Moses Bagget was a brick-maker, and a son of Samuel Bagget, also a brick-maker; each lived to be



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eighty years old. George Lloyd was a native of Shropshire, Eng., where he was born in 1780; he was an operative in the rolling-mills at Bilston, Eng., and lived to be sixty-nine years old. He was a son of William Lloyd, a charcoal burner, who lived to be upwards of eighty years of age. One of the great-grandfathers of Mrs. Hoover fought in the War of 1812. The union of our subject and his wife has been productive of ten children: Sarah R., deceased; Cora P., deceased; Ida M., deceased; Samuel Terry; James Edwards; Della and Walter, twins; Ethel; Viola; and Clara. Our subject is a Republican and thoroughly interested in the success of his party. Both he and his wife are members in good standing in the Center United Presbyterian Church of Shenango township, and may be found among the first in any church work.



HON. ROBERT J. FULKERSON, Associate-Judge and one of the highest esteemed men of the city of New Castle, has good right to boast of his long residence in the county, and in the town, for he was born in a log-house, near where he now resides, Dec. 1, 1822. He is a son of James and Martha (Johnson) Fulkerson, and a grandson of John and Mary (Alky) Fulkerson.

John Fulkerson was of German descent, and the earliest record has him a resident of Virginia, living near Rappahannock, Fredericks County, where our subject's father was born. In 1810, John Fulkerson and his wife came to the town of New Castle in search of a desirable farm, on which to locate, traveling three hundred miles

on horse-back to reach this locality. Mr. Fulkerson was neither a slave-owner nor a believer in the iniquitous practice, and so his coming to this part of Pennsylvania was because he desired to settle in a new country where slavery was not allowed. He secured a farm of 200 acres, lying between our subject's present farm and New Castle, and returned to Virginia, and with horses and wagons brought his worldly effects and children, with the exception of two, who chose to remain in their old home. The farm had some few improvements, there being a small log-house, or cabin, and a few acres cleared of the original timber by burning, and consequently very fertile. So with little difficulty he installed his household in the new home, and set about acquiring a competence and securing a livelihood; there he reared his family, and with the assistance of his sons cleared the land. Both he and his wife lived to exceed eighty years of age. He was an attendant of the Presbyterian Church, and helped to construct the first church building. There were eight children born to our subject's grandparents, as follows: Lewis; John; Roger; James; Eliza, the wife of Thomas Gillespie; William; Richard; and Margaret Ann, the wife of William Cox.

James, being one of the oldest children who went to Pennsylvania, was of valuable assistance to his father in clearing the farm, and in keeping the wild animals, that abounded thereabouts, from molesting their live stock. For his own farm he bought a tract of 200 acres, adjoining his father's property, which farm our subject owned later on, and set about in earnest to support himself and to accumulate property; he was a very hard worker, and made the work of clear-

ing as easy as it was possible by burning what would be considered very valuable lumber nowadays, but which was then considered to be in the way of crops of grain which otherwise might occupy the same place. His brother went to the War of 1812, and James started with him, but met with a fall, which left him a cripple in his left arm all his days. He was a prominent man among the town's citizens, and active in matters of public interest, but never held an office. He died at the age of seventy-nine. In the battle of life he ever looked on the bright side, was of a cheery disposition and never down-hearted; in his immediate surroundings he was a kind and loving husband and father. His wife, who was a daughter of John Johnson, died at the age of seventy-nine, having borne him eight children, namely: John C., a resident of New Castle, whose sketch also appears in this volume; Lewis, a farmer of New Castle; Margaret, deceased, formerly the wife of J. R. Squires; Eliza, now deceased, married William C. Hoffman; Robert J., our subject; Jane, deceased, the wife of J. Houk; Matilda, the wife of William Coplin; and James, who resides in the State of Iowa.

Robert J. Fulkerson attended the district schools, and improved every opportunity by which he might add to his stock of knowledge, and so become equipped for life's work. He stayed at home, and like a dutiful son cared for his parents in their last days; in due time as a recompense for his services he was given the homestead and part of the land, on which he built a house, in 1861, where he now resides. Being located on the borough line, he has cut up a part of the farm into city lots, laying out

the following streets: Oat, Fern, Ann, and Spring. Of these lots, which he has placed on the open market, he has sold the major portion, and many of them have been built on, and are fast increasing in value. Always active in the interest and progress of New Castle, he has been engaged in mercantile business some, and has been identified in municipal affairs to a considerable extent, having held many offices of the town and city, being overseer of the poor ten years and a school director for a lesser period. In 1887 he was elected associate-judge, and has filled the chair since with honor and distinction.

Mr. Fulkerson married Miss Mary Ann Gibson, daughter of Abner Gibson of Wilmington township, this county, Jan. 20, 1848; Mrs. Fulkerson was born Jan. 10, 1824, and died Oct. 4, 1885. Their marriage was never blessed with children, but such was their desire for some one to cherish and care for, that they have had several live with them, and they have done a great deal to assist in bringing up, educating, and making them honorable and God-fearing men and women. Our subject and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Fulkerson has to-day a seat taken from the old Presbyterian Church; which, as the first seat in the church that he ever sat upon, he keeps under his favorite spruce tree as a remembrance of his appearance on that, his first visit. The seat consists of an oak plank, with four of the original spindles used as its supports. He has a fine orchard, which he assisted his father in setting out, and has since replaced the old trees which no longer bear with new stock. To show the fertility of the land and its adaptability for raising large crops of the most

luscious fruit, it may be remarked that in 1896 the limbs of the trees broke down from sheer weight of the load they carried. He is not only a practicable farmer, but a fine business man in every particular.

Among the prominent and representative citizens of the county, whose portraits we present in this book, we take pleasure in giving that of Mr. Fulkerson as a gentleman of exceptional worth and good standing.

We also present the portrait of Mrs. Fulkerson as a worthy companion picture.

WILLIAM H. COX, a lumber dealer and prominent citizen of New Castle, who owes a great measure of his present success to the unremitting efforts that have distinguished his life from that of the generality of men, was born seven miles north of the city, May 7, 1856, and is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Reynolds) Cox, and grandson of William Cox, a native of the Keystone State. Our subject's great-grandfather was born in Ireland, was joined in wedlock there, and when he came to this country settled in Eastern Pennsylvania, whence he came on on horseback with wife and family to this county, and settled on the 500 acres of land, which was known as the "500 Acre Tract"; there he built himself a log-house and lived to the end of his years, and after him his son William. Our subject's grandfather passed away when about ninety-five years of age; his wife lived to be about eighty-six. Sixteen children were born to them, of whom thirteen grew up, namely:

Rachel, Polly, Becky, Sally, Ann, Catherine, Jane, Betty, and Talithia were the girls; and John, Samuel, William, and Ross were the boys.

Samuel Cox settled in Union township, this county, on a part of the old homestead, which he sold later on, and bought a farm in Pulaski township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a very progressive, wide-awake man, and one of the best of farmers. He belonged to the Methodist Church. The following children were born to him: Mary, the wife of Henry Cooper of New Castle; Lewis C., a dealer in agricultural implements at Pulaski, Pa.; William H., our subject; John D., a farmer and milk dealer; Charles C., a teacher by profession, who has charge of the homestead farm; Joseph R., a physician of Edenburg, Pa.; and Althea, John, and Lewis, the three oldest, who died in extreme youth.

William H. Cox early devoted his energies to the lumber business, and adopted the plan of buying tracts of land covered with timber of marketable quality, and clearing the same, and converting the rough logs into finished lumber in the saw-mills which he erected for that purpose. He operated in Lawrence and Beaver counties, and shipped by the carload to Pittsburgh, and to Buffalo, N. Y., likewise furnishing the railroad with a large amount of timber and lumber. In 1886, Mr. Cox took up his residence in New Castle, and in 1893 built himself a fine home of brick, fitted with all the modern conveniences, and furnished throughout in the most artistic and pleasing manner; this is located at No. 307 West Washington Street. He has built several other houses for speculative purposes.

buying his building lots from the Fulkerson addition to the city, and owns four tenement houses at present. He is a stockholder in the New Castle Car Mfg. Co., and is president and director of the same. He is faithful to his Republican principles, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Since living in New Castle he has dealt in lumber. His progress in business has been steady and constant ever since his start as a young man, and his excellent judgment has stood him in good stead in many an anxious hour, and has never failed to point out the right course.

Mr. Cox married Miss Sarah C. Phillips, daughter of Ephraim Phillips, a farmer of this county, and has had four children born to him, namely: Pearl R., born Nov. 23, 1881; George, who died aged two months; Harry W., born Nov. 20, 1883; and Ephraim, born Feb. 7, 1886.

JOSEPH KISSICK, deceased, was born near Manor, Westmoreland Co., Pa., March 29, 1801, and when a boy removed to Deer Creek, Allegheny Co., Pa., with his father, where the most of his youthful years were spent. His father died before our subject grew to manhood, and Mr. Kissick showed his manhood and independent character at an early age, for when his father died he said "the world was his inheritance," and struck for himself. At the age of twenty-one he began farming near the old homestead, but after a few years changed to the mercantile business at Bolivar on the line of work of the canal between Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

He subsequently became interested in canal construction, and followed that occupation until 1832, when he removed his business interest to New Castle, where he purchased the corner lot between Mercer Street and Apple Alley, and built a substantial store and dwelling, a part of whose walls are in the present bank building, which was erected on that site. For a number of years he owned what is now known as the Raney grist-mill, and ran the same in connection with his store. He was one of the first stockholders and directors of the Bank of Lawrence County. He always had the interests of New Castle at heart, and was prominently identified with many of the great projects that have been very instrumental in aiding its growth and proper development; he was an active promoter and stockholder in the early railroad enterprises. In 1853 he held the office of burgess. For more than forty-four years he was one of the most active citizens of the city, giving of his time and means in general to all enterprises connected with the growth and prosperity of the place.

He was a man of good judgment and honest convictions, and tried to live and do right, and because of his strict integrity and open-heartedness of nature was often looked to for advice, which was frankly given as he thought was right. At the time of his death, he had finished a period of sixty-four years, in which he had been a ruling elder in the Associate Reform and then of the United Presbyterian Church. He was one of the organizers of the First United Presbyterian Church. His clear, practical sagacity and integrity in business gave him the full confidence and high esteem of his fellow-citizens both in his immediate neighborhood

and beyond the confines of New Castle, wherever his name was known. On Aug. 7, 1888, he was thrown from a buggy, and received injuries of so serious a nature that he succumbed to the dread power of death on the following day. He died the death of a man upright in the faith of his Master.

Mr. Kissick's first wife, Mrs. Margaret (Gilbraith) Kissick, died Aug. 2, 1873, and in the following year he was joined in wedlock with Miss Esther Cooper of New Castle, who still survives him.

SAMUEL W. SMITH, mayor of the city of New Castle, is a son of Dr. William Smith, and a grandson of Samuel Smith, who was born near Pittsburg, Pa. The grandfather of our subject was a potter by trade, and also followed mercantile pursuits throughout the twenty years previous to his death; he engaged in his trade of a potter in Darlington, Beaver Co., Pa., and was a merchant of Newport, Pa. He was living in Mahoning Co., Ohio, when he enlisted for the War of 1812, and was present at Commodore Perry's signal naval victory over the British fleet on the waters of Lake Erie. He lived to be upwards of eighty years old. His wife, Susan Tidd of Pittsburg, passed away when about three score years and ten had silvered her hair, and enfeebled her frame.

Our subject's father was born in Mahoning Co., Ohio, and received his education in the schools at Darlington and in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He began his practice in Austintown, Ohio, where he married

Margaret Henry, daughter of James Henry, a native of the Buckeye State. From Austintown he moved to Darlington, whence after a short residence he removed to Hookstown, Beaver County, where he made his home and practiced for thirteen years. He was elected to the State Legislature from that district in 1848 and again in 1849, but declined a third term because of ill health. He then changed his residence to North Beaver township, Lawrence County, in 1853, where he went on a farm, which he soon sold and moved to Enon Valley, where he died, aged sixty years. In his political attachments, he was a Whig and then a Republican. Religiously, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His first wife, already mentioned, died between the ages of thirty-eight and forty, leaving him three children: Samuel W.; James H.; and Nancy J., who died at the age of twenty-five. He was again united in marriage to Mrs. Samantha Wallace, who now lives in Enon Valley. Charles W., the only child of this second union, lives in St. Paul, Minn.

Samuel W. Smith was born in Darlington, Pa., Oct. 20, 1837, and lived on the farm and acquired a district school education until 1864, when he enlisted in Co. B, Fifth Pa. Heavy Art., and was with Gen. Auger in the defense of Washington, being mustered out in August, 1865. On his return to civil life and the pursuits of peace, he engaged in the drug business for thirteen years in New Castle. He married Mary McConahy, daughter of William McConahy of North Beaver township, and has two children: Clara M. (Gregory); and Frank W., who holds a position in the National Bank of Lawrence County. Mr. Smith was appointed mayor by

the council Oct. 27, 1894, was re-elected in 1895 to serve the unexpired term of ex-Mayor Richardson, and in February, 1896, was elected for a term of three years on the citizens' ticket. He is a prominent Mason, and is a member of the following orders: Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter, No. 170, R. A. M.; Hiram Council, No. 45; Lawrence Commandery, No. 62; he is a past officer in the lodge, chapter, and commandery. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 100.

FORGUS F. SMITH, who resides in the borough of Mahoningtown, is the supervisor of sub-division No. 1, of the E. & A. Division of the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines. He is one of those highly respected men, who have made their own way; he commenced on the lowest round of railroad work, and has risen to his present position by his own energy and grit, supplemented with an unusual gift of being able to make the most of prevailing conditions. His services are valuable because eminently practical, for his knowledge of the work he supervises is intimate, for it was all gained in the hard school of experience.

His father, John W. Smith, was born near the villages of Rockford and Clinton coal mines, Dec. 8, 1823, and died at the age of sixty-three; he was a painter by trade in early life, and was honored by his fellow-citizens with all the offices in the township, so great was their respect and trust in him. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and of the following societies and organizations: F. & A. M.; I. O. O. F.; and

Senior Order of American Mechanics. He was a son of Joseph and Margaret (Showalter) Smith, the latter a daughter of Jacob Showalter. The former was a son of William Smith, and was born in Lancaster Co., Pa. He was a blacksmith by trade, and owned and operated a farm at the same time that he carried on his trade; his death took place when he was aged about seventy-seven years. Our subject's mother, Nancy (Foster) Smith, was a daughter of Forqus and Elizabeth (Yoho) Foster. Forqus Foster was a farmer by occupation and served through the War of the Rebellion, dying at the age of seventy-seven. His wife was a daughter of Lawrence Yoho, a farmer, who lived to be seventy years of age. Our subject comes of patriotic stock, for others of his male ancestors besides his grandfather, Foster, took part in the wars of the United States, beginning with the War of Independence, and going down through the list.

Forqus F. was born in Homewood, Pa., Jan. 27, 1847, where he was reared and where he resided until 1878, attending the district schools until he had reached the age of sixteen, meanwhile assisting his father on the homestead. For the five succeeding years he worked on the section for the railroad, and then gave up that occupation to enter the army in defense of the Union. He served two years, first in Third Pa. Artillery, and later in Co. K, 188th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., receiving his discharge Dec. 19, 1865, at Camp Cadwallader, near Philadelphia. Among the battles in which he participated were: Drury's Bluff; Cold Harbor; Chapin's Farm; Petersburg; Proctor Creek, etc. On his return from the army, he secured a position as brakeman on the railroad, and followed that vocation for the



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space of a year. Then for two years he worked in a stone-quarry, after which he returned to the railroad again, and worked on a section until July, 1878, when he became foreman of the section, and was advanced in January, 1890, to his present position of responsibility, already noted.

He contracted his first matrimonial alliance Dec. 23, 1879, in Big Beaver township, with Martha A. Cox, to whom four children were born: John W.; Milton Grosvenor, deceased; Mabel Vernon; and Clyde Foster, deceased. He again assumed marriage vows July 6, 1893, being joined in wedlock with Edwina C. Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members in good standing of the M. E. Church, and active in performing their share of the church work. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and is at present serving his second term in the borough council. He is a member of New Castle Post, No. 100, G. A. R.



JAMES K. POLLOCK, M. D., of New Castle, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, occupies an enviable position among his fellow-practitioners as a physician whose diagnoses of cases are very rarely found wanting, and whose treatments are seldom known to fail; for this reason he is often called in consultation with the other doctors, and is known widely beyond his immediate field of practice. He was born in that part of Shenango township, once known as Pollock township, and now included in the present city limits of New Castle, April 19, 1845, in a house which stood on what is to-day

the site of the Erie R. R. yards, and directly opposite the Vulcan Foundry. His grandfather, Dr. Joseph Pollock, was a very prominent physician of New Castle, Pa., and was considered by many to be the best physician and surgeon in Western Pennsylvania. He married Rachel Morehead, daughter of James Morehead of New Castle, and to them were born the following children: Perry A.; Milo, who married a Miss Van Horn, daughter of Hon. Samuel Van Horn; Hiram, the father of the subject of this sketch; Camilla N., who married William Maitland of New Castle, and bore him these children—John, Martin, Perry, Irene, and Addie; Isaphoena married William McMillin of New Castle, and they were given three children—Mary, Joseph, and Frank; Belinda married R. W. Clendenin of New Castle and they have three children—Wallace, Wells, and Mary; Adaline married Joseph White of New Castle, and their family consisted of: Alice, Crawford, Eva, Joseph, Fred, Carrie, and Mary; Laura married John Mitchell of New Castle and had four children—William, James, Mary, and Kittie; Caroline married Dennis McCoy; and Josephine, who married William Sommers of New Castle, and bore him three children—Frank, Carrie, and Irene. Frank is one of the successful Klondike miners, reaching California in September, 1897, with fifty thousand dollars. In religious belief the family favored the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's grandmother was called home in the fall of 1874.

Hiram Pollock, our subject's father, was educated in the schools of Williamsport, and when a young man engaged in agricultural pursuits, but as his health could not stand the exposure

incident to a farmer's life, he became interested in the boating business, running a packet between New Castle and Pittsburg, Pa., which he carried on several years. Later in life, he engaged in lumber business in New Castle, continuing in this vocation till his retirement in late life. His death occurred April 15, 1896, aged seventy-six years. In his political affiliations, he was originally a Republican, but latterly became a Prohibitionist. He married Sarah Elizabeth Kerr, and to them were given four children: James K., our subject; Mary V., who married Joseph Gemmil of New Castle, Pa., and has two children—Mary and Elizabeth; Lucy, deceased; and Hiram S., who married Louise Young of New Castle and has one child—Lewis. Mrs. Pollock died in 1890, aged sixty-eight years. They were Presbyterians in the matter of church attendance and membership.

Dr. Pollock obtained his grammar-school education in New Castle, and in 1861 became a drug clerk in the New Castle Dispensary, then managed by James Shields of New Castle. He remained in that connection about ten years, and then read medicine with Dr. Barker of New Castle as preceptor. Late in the winter of 1871-72, he entered the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in 1873. In 1872, prior to his graduation and to receiving his diploma, his first field of practice was in Harlansburg, Pa. In 1873 he opened an office in New Castle and late in 1874, he removed to Chuckatuck, Nansemond Co., Va., where he remained a year and a half, returning from there to Harlansburg, Lawrence Co., Pa., in 1876. In 1879, he located permanently in New Castle, where he has been very successfully engaged in

attending to a general practice. He is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Society, and also belongs to the F. & A. M., Lodge of the Craft, No. 433 of New Castle, Pa. Politically, he is a firm Republican, and held the office of coroner about sixteen years.

On Sept. 25, 1873, he was joined in marriage with Margaret E. Cox, daughter of Albert G. Cox of New Castle, Pa.; of their two children, Kittie died at the age of three years and six months, and Maggie was removed from the home by an All-Wise Providence, when aged six months. Mrs. Pollock died in 1888. On June 19, 1889, he formed a second union with Dora B. Douthett of New Castle, daughter of Joseph Douthett. He married his third wife, who was Ella M. Newton, daughter of G. A. Newton of New Castle, May 5, 1893, and to them has been given one child—Rachel B., born Feb. 5, 1895. Mrs. Pollock is a member of the Christian Church, while her husband belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM E. REED, a prominent citizen of Shenango township, and a splendid representative of its sturdy agricultural class, was born on the farm of which his own farm is now a part, Dec. 18, 1851, and is a son of John C. and Phoebe A. (Iddings) Reed. He was reared on the old homestead, and in all his life has never lived beyond its boundaries; when a boy he attended the district schools, was advanced through the high school at New Castle, and completed his education in the State Normal

School at Edinboro, Erie County, at the age of twenty years. When nineteen years old he taught his first term of school, and since his graduation from the Normal School he taught ten additional terms. He is a member of the school board of the township, and in no subject of public moment does he take such close and abiding interest as in the cause of education, and his services as pedagogue and in other important capacities relating closely to the educational work of the township his services have been invaluable. Educational ability seems to run in the family, as many of his uncles and cousins have presided at the desk, and all his brothers and sisters with the exception of one have taught in various parts of Lawrence County. This ability is doubtless inherited from their ancestor, Joseph Iddings, who was the first teacher in the county. Mr. Reed remained with his parents under the parental roof until he was thirty years of age, when he married, and settled down on his own farm, having purchased for this purpose a sixty-acre tract adjacent to the original homestead of his father. General farming in the past has claimed most of his energy and attention, but at present he is interested in dairy-farming almost to the exclusion of all else.

John C. Reed, our subject's father, who is now deceased, was born in Shenango township, near the Center United Presbyterian Church, May 3, 1826, and lived his entire life in his native township, following the healthful and peaceful life of a farmer. His death occurred Jan. 28, 1895, after suffering a number of years from a stroke of apoplexy, received while plowing in the fields. Mr. Reed was an energetic man, and although somewhat small in stature,

accomplished with his indomitable will and extraordinary perseverance much more than most men of larger frame could have done. He was ambitious to leave his children well provided for, and in doing so exerted himself more than he ought to have done, and may be said to have sacrificed himself for his children. There was no one in the county who stood higher in public estimation than did Mr. Reed, and his word was as good as his bond. So high was the estimation in which he was held, that favors are often extended to his sons, because of their father's good name. His much-beloved wife and helpmeet through life was Phoebe Ann Iddings, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hoopes) Iddings. The latter was a native of Chester Co., Pa., of Quaker stock, and descended from Sir Anthony Wayne's sister; her father was Ezra Hoopes of Chester Co., Pa. Joseph Iddings was also born in Chester Co., Pa.; having received a good education when a boy and young man, he turned his attention to teaching, and was one of the first school-teachers in Lawrence County. He followed farming as an occupation in later years. He reared the following children: Mary, who is eighty-four years old; Mirabel, deceased; Hannah, who married Martin Reno, deceased, of Shenango township, Lawrence County; Sarah, who became the wife of Hugh A. McKee; Elizabeth, deceased, who married James Leonard of Lawrence County, and now of Michigan; Ann, deceased; Lavinia, who married James Davis of Lawrence County; and Phoebe A., the mother of our subject. To John C. Reed and Phoebe A. Iddings were given ten children, as follows: William E., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who is living in Sharon, and

practicing medicine; Charles A., a leading physician of the city of New Castle; Hannah, deceased; Anna and Mary, twins, both of whom are deceased; Sarah J., the wife of Richard Wright of Taylor township; Lovina, who married William H. Weinschenk of Shenango township; John W., deceased; and Luther M., whose biography appears on another page. Mrs. Reed, widow of John C., makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. William H. Weinschenk.

John C. Reed was a son of William and Anna (Cameron) Reed. The latter is still living to-day at the age of ninety-two years, and is surprisingly active and vigorous both in body and mind for one of her advanced years; she has been granted the unusual privilege of seeing a descendant in the fifth generation, being a great-great-grandmother to the members of the last generation. She was born in Mahoningtown, Feb. 10, 1805, and was a daughter of James and Betsey (Hendrickson) Cameron, the latter a daughter of Dr. Hendrickson, the first physician to settle in the county, coming here in 1797 with two other families from Pennsville, N. J. Indians were very numerous about this region, and Betsey Hendrickson received a severe fright from one of them, when she was driving the cows home from their pasturing ground; she was never sent alone on such an errand again. James Cameron was born at Shirleysburg, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation; he died in Shenango township, near New Castle, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a son of James Cameron, Sr., who came to Mahoningtown to see if he would like the place for a residence; the country suiting him in every respect,

he returned to Shirleysburg, sold his farm, and started for Mahoningtown with the proceeds, with the intention of purchasing each of his sons a farm. As time passed by, and no word was received from him, inquiry was made along the route, which he was supposed to have taken, with the result that his horse and saddle were found but his body was never recovered, nor was there any record of him ever found, but it is supposed that he was murdered and robbed for the money he carried in his saddle-bags. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and served honorably after having once deserted and then rejoined the army.

William Reed, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, in June, 1803, and came with his parents to Lawrence County, in 1806. He learned the wheelwright's trade, and worked for a time in New Castle. In 1829, he bought a farm in Shenango township, on which there was a small clearing and log-cabin; here he followed his trade, and cleared his farm, which to-day is one of the very best in the county; the soil of it is peculiarly adapted to fruit-growing, and it often results that in a poor fruit year his orchards will be the only ones bearing in the vicinity. He passed away in the prime of his life, attaining only the age of forty years. He was a son of John and Margaret (Lutton) Reed, the latter a daughter of Ralph Lutton, who married a Miss Martin. John Reed was born in Ireland, and upon coming to America settled first at Zanesville, Ohio, from which locality he moved in 1806 to Lawrence County, settling in Shenango township on the stream now known as Snake Run; he too died at the age of forty years while his wife Margaret lived to be ninety-

two years old. He was a weaver in Ireland, and followed that trade in America until he took up farming as a means of obtaining a livelihood, and securing an independence. His father, Michael Reed, never left the old country, but lived and died in the north of Ireland.

Our subject, William E. Reed, was joined in marriage Nov. 29, 1882, near Center Church, to Eliza L. Keller, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Fink) Keler. Mrs. Reed's mother was born in Berks Co., Pa., in 1814, and was a daughter of John and Katherine (Kraglow) Fink. Jonathan Keller was born in Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 11, 1812, and was a son of George and Polly (Specht) Keller; Polly (Specht) Keller was born in Berks Co., Pa., and was a daughter of John Specht, who married a Miss Neuman. George Keller, a son of George Keller, Sr., a native of Berks County, was a soldier of the War of 1812, and lived to be seventy-two years old. A bright and interesting group of three children constitute the family of our subject, and they are named as follows: Lillian Keller; Charles Franklin, who died in infancy; and Wesley Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. Reed attend the Second United Presbyterian Church of New Castle. Mr. Reed is a Republican in his political tendencies, and has served as school director and as auditor of the township. He is at present auditor of the Washington Insurance Co., in which he is an interested stockholder. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Farmers' Alliance. He has always been identified with the best elements of Lawrence County society, and he is known as a good, moral citizen, who does credit to the teachings and precepts of his noble father.

DAVID S. NORRIS, a stone dealer of New Castle, Pa., was born in Washington Co., Pa., Sept. 15, 1829, and is a son of Charles Norris, who was born in Washington County, in 1808. Charles was reared and educated in his native county, and followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood. Soon after his marriage he bought a farm about sixteen miles south of Pittsburg, in Allegheny County, and lived there until his death in 1875. He married Sarah Winters, who was born in 1806, and died in 1865, and they raised to manhood and womanhood the following children: John, who lives in the State of Missouri; David S., our subject; Mary J. (Graham), deceased; Charles P., an undertaker of the city of New Castle; Sarah A. (Gunsaulus); William, deceased; Daniel, a resident of New Castle; Joseph, who lives in Meadville, Pa.; and Clark, a house painter of New Castle. Our subject's father was a Whig and then a Republican, and the family favored the M. E. Church.

David S. Norris spent his boyhood days in Allegheny County, and was married in 1852 to Rachel Stevens, daughter of Craven Stevens of Allegheny County. In the same year of his marriage he moved to Sewickley, Pa., and engaged in teaming there for two years, after which he came to New Castle, and worked in the iron mills for three more years. He then started a draying business, with which he was connected for some thirty years. In 1887, he was elected street commissioner of New Castle, and served in that capacity for five years, and then engaged in the stone business, in which he is still interested.

Our subject's first wife bore him a family of four children, as follows: Samantha M. (Wahl);

Lizzie (Churchfield); Eva; and Mary (Patterson). After the death of his first wife, Mr. Norris formed a second union with Mrs. Mary J. Bannon of New Castle. The family are regular attendants of the M. E. Church, and are in close touch with its benevolent and charitable work. Politically, our subject is a Republican, and in party work is unhesitating. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. of New Castle.

REV. FRANK RANDOLPH PETERS, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mahoningtown, and known and respected over the county as one of the best of citizens and as an able and consistent teacher of the Gospel, was born in Moon township, Allegheny Co., Pa., March 6, 1858. Of the four children, who once composed the parental family, but two survive—William T., a contractor of Sewickley, Pa., and Mr. Peters, the subject of this sketch. Dr. John Thayer Peters, our subject's father, who was a son of Ezra Thayer Peters, a farmer, who lived to be seventy-three years old, was born in Cuba, Allegany Co., N. Y., where he attended common school, and later graduated from the Willoughby Medical College of Northern Ohio. He began his practice in Moon township, and in 1858 moved to Port Perry, where he died at early age of typhoid fever; the attack was not very serious and he would have recovered there is every reason to believe had not the attending physician, who was a confirmed victim of the drink habit, gone off on one of his periodical sprees, just when his patient needed his attention

the most in the very crisis of the disease. Dr. Peters' wife was a Miss Sarah Cooper, a daughter of William and Esther (Hood nee Byers) Cooper; William Cooper was a native of Ireland, and came to America with his parents at the age of eight years, and lived to be ninety-four years old. On the death of her husband, the mother of our subject with her four small children moved to her father's homestead in Moon township, where she resided three years until 1863, when she married William Grimes, a teamster of Sewickley, and went with her children to live with him in that town.

In Sewickley, our subject lived until his eighteenth year, attending the common schools, and then took up the vocation of a teacher, presiding over country schools in the winter, and during the rest of the year fitting himself for a teacher, and eventually for the ministry, by following out courses of study in academies and seminaries, attending at various times the Western University of Pittsburg, the McKeesport Normal School, the McKeesport Academy, and taught during several years in Elizabeth township at Thorn Hill, Reynoldston, Franklin and Leet township. After a term in the Normal School at Sewickley, he taught three winters in Leet township, and in 1881 attended Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio.

In 1879, Mr. Peters was licensed as a local preacher of the M. E. Church, and occasionally filled pulpits; in the spring of 1882, in answer to a call he went to Volante to fill out the year of Rev. Crum, who had died there. At the succeeding conference in the fall, he was admitted on trial to the Erie Annual Conference, and was assigned to the Greenwood charge, which em-



WILLIAM H. SMITH.

braced the churches at Greenwood, Croton and Savannah, and over this circuit he presided for two years. For the three following years he was placed in charge of the Petersburg charge, and in this connection he held services in three different conferences and two States. Then followed two years at Salem and three years at Volante, and in the fall of 1892 he was assigned to the charge of Mahoningtown; when the present conference closes, he will have served the full limit of the church regulations, viz.: five years. At the conference held in 1897 at Oil City he was assigned to Brocton, N. Y.

Mr. Peters is decidedly a builder and organizer. Before going to Salem, while on the Petersburg charge, he built a church at Enon Valley. During his term at Salem, it was through his well-directed efforts that a parsonage was built, and the same thing was true at Volante during his ministry there. Since coming to Mahoningtown, he has been instrumental in rebuilding the church, and in moving the parsonage to its present location, adjoining the church. The church edifice has been remodeled and improved, so that it would now be a credit to congregations in much larger places than Mahoningtown; the old building was moved to the rear, veneered with brick, and a large auditorium built in front; the old portion of the church was replastered and repaired throughout to keep it in harmony with the addition, and now the whole church edifice is thoroughly modern in all its appointments.

On Oct. 19, 1882, were solemnized the marriage ceremonies that united Mr. Peters and Miss Lizzie Anderson, daughter of John Anderson, one of those hardy '49ers who made the

perilous trip across the western plains and mountains, undaunted by the perils of wilderness and lurking savage. John Anderson married Rose Hinton on his return. Three children now constitute the household of Mr. Peters and his wife: Edith May; Julia Etta; and Frank Thayer. Mr. Peters is an earnest supporter of the Prohibition party.

JOHN D. SMITH, a prominent citizen of Mahoningtown, who is associated with his brother, William H. Smith, in carrying on a flourishing and profitable business in dealing in hardware and lumber at Cedar and Cherry streets, Mahoningtown, was born in the city of Pittsburg, Dec. 21, 1851. His parents were John G. and Eliza W. (Sample) Smith.

John G. Smith was born in Manchester, England, and came to America at ten years of age with his mother and step-father, his own father having died when he was a comparatively small boy. When he grew up he learned the machinist's trade, and later in life was associated in business with his step-father. His death occurred in Pittsburg, in March, 1866, when he was aged forty-seven years. He was both a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the I. O. O. F. His wife was born in Allegheny City, Pa., and was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Logan) Sample. Thomas Sample was born in what became Allegheny City, Jan. 8, 1791, and was the second mayor of the place, after its incorporation under a State charter. From 1812 till 1843 he lived in Allegheny City, and oper-

ated a tannery; during twenty years of the time he was justice of the peace. In 1843, he leased his tannery, and retired to Mahoningtown, where he bought a large farm, and made it his home the remainder of his life, devoting his energies to the cultivation of fruits and flowers. His father was James Sample, who married Christiana Taggart, daughter of James Taggart, an early settler of this part of the State. John G. Smith's wife, Eliza W. (Sample) Smith, was born March 5, 1794, and died in 1882; she was a granddaughter of James Logan, who was born in County Down, Ireland, and married a Miss Watt, a relative of the famous James Watt, who discovered the wonderful expansive power contained in the steam. James Logan, whose mother before her marriage was a Miss Wilson, came from Ireland, and settled on the banks of the Allegheny River, eighteen miles above Pittsburg, and establishing Logan's Ferry. He also purchased some six or eight hundred acres of land, and opened an inn for the travelers near a basin in the river, which was known as Logan's Eddy. It was a favorite place of resort for the rivermen who made it a point to stop there on their trip for meals and a good night's lodging. He also had a well-furnished general store in connection with his tavern, and the income that came in to him from these diversified interests, together with his profits in his farming operations, amounted to no inconsiderable amount, and enabled him to accumulate a large and independent fortune. His death took place on his estate at an advanced age in 1842. Five of the ten children, born to Thomas Sample and wife, live and following is a record of their names and employments: James A., a veteran of the Mexi-

can War; Mary, the widow of William P. Eichbaum, now residing in New Castle; Thomas, who is engaged in farming at Ashville, Ohio; Luther H., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this book as a resident of Mahoningtown; and Rev. J. Logan. To John G. and Eliza W. (Sample) Smith were born twelve children, of whom four survive; Annie E.; John D.; Margaret Agnes; and William Henry.

John D. Smith continued to live in Pittsburg for a year after his father died, and then at the age of fourteen years came to Mahoningtown; his early education was received in Pittsburg, and after he became a resident of Mahoningtown, he continued to attend school in the winters until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1873, he went to Pittsburg to learn the carpenter's trade, but the panic of '73 stopped all building, and he was forced to return home. From 1874 until 1889 he worked at his trade in New Castle, and then came to Mahoningtown, where he entered into partnership with his brother, William H., in the lumber and hardware business, in which they still continue to be associated.

William H. Smith was born in Pittsburg, Oct. 1, 1859, and lived there until he was seven years old, when he came to Mahoningtown, which has since been his home, although absent from it for considerable lengths of time. He attended the Mahoningtown schools, and Geneva College of Northwood, Ohio, until he was nineteen years of age, when he began teaching, and presided at the desk for some three winters. He next was employed in Pittsburg by the Allegheny Valley R. R. for some six months, and then secured a position with the Chautauqua Lake Ice Co. at

Pittsburg, with which company he remained three years. After a few months in Virginia with the Norfolk & Western R. R., he left for Robins, Tenn., where for two years he enjoyed steady employment in the lumber business. Returning to Mahoningtown in the spring of 1887, he opened a lumber yard on Cherry Street, which he conducted alone two years, and then formed the partnership with his brother, before spoken of. The firm deals in all the staple lumber, hardware, and other customary building material, for which there is so great a call in a growing community; contractors and builders recognize in them an exceptional pair of keen business men, who make it a chief aim of their business to keep everything needful, and have that of the best. William H. was married in East Brook, Lawrence Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1895, to Nannie Angus, daughter of Robert and Jane (Sankey) Angus, and to them has been born one daughter, Kathleen. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of Amazon Lodge, No. 336, Knights of Pythias of Mahoningtown.

John D. Smith is a member of Lodge of the Craft, F. & A. M., No. 433 of New Castle, and is included among the members and willing workers of the Presbyterian Church.

Both brothers are Republicans in their political tendencies. When the Mahoningtown bank was established, both brothers took stock, and William H. was appointed cashier, a position he still holds.

A portrait of William H. Smith appears on a preceding page and will be viewed with interest by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

ARCHIBALD D. NEWELL and JOHN D. F. NEWELL, prominent citizens and influential residents of Mahoningtown borough, are sons of Archibald and Mary L. (Frisbee) Newell. Their father was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1815, and when twenty years of age came to this country, making his way to Pittsburg, where he became employed on the surveying corps of the canal through the Mahoning Valley. Eventually, he settled in Mahoningtown as one of its earliest citizens. He was for many years the proprietor of the leading store in that place, but at last retired from active work, leaving his business to his sons, and calmly passed away from earthly scenes in 1887, with a consciousness of having lived his life nobly and well. His father, Archibald Newell, Sr., lived the whole of his life in Ireland, where his death took place, when he was aged ninety-nine years. Of six children born to Archibald Newell, Jr., but two survive—Archibald D. and John D. F.

The mother of our subjects was born in Pittsburg, and was a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Davis) Frisbee. Samuel Frisbee was a native of the State of Connecticut, where he was born in 1772; he was married the first time in New Haven to a Miss St. John, and after her decease, he came to Pittsburg in 1809, in the interest of Robert Fulton, and was instrumental in building the first fleet of steamers that plied the Western rivers. In Pittsburg, he was united to Jane Davis, whose father, William Davis, owned the land on which stands the village of Davisville, now a suburb of Allegheny City, but then located what seemed a long distance in the country. William Davis was the proprietor of some 600 acres of land in the rich bottoms, and provided each of

his four sons and three daughters with a valuable farm. He married Jane Johnson, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, whose brother, Samuel Johnson, was the first silversmith to locate in Pittsburg. Samuel Davis, a son of the aforesaid William Davis, learned the trade of silversmith in the shop of his uncle, Samuel Johnson, and afterwards took to manufacturing clocks, and many fine, old specimens of tall hall clocks, bearing his name, are in existence at the present day through the Ohio Valley. William Davis was a native of Ireland, and came to this country in 1801, landing at New York City, after a long and tedious sea voyage. On the passage the vessel sailed by a far southern route, and touched at Fayall, the largest of the Azores, and while there the Consul presented Mrs. Davis with a plume of spun glass of a rich wine color, that is treasured very highly by her granddaughter, Mrs. Newell, the mother of our subjects.

Archibald D. Newell was born in Mahoningtown, Jan. 3, 1858, and was reared in his native borough, securing a practical education in the schools of Mahoningtown, and in the private schools of New Castle; this splendid foundation was supplemented with a course in the New Castle Business College. At an early age he took his place behind the counter in his father's store, and upon the latter's retirement from business, Archibald D. became one of the firm of Newell Bros., which succeeded to the former firm. He did not long retain his interest in the store, but sold out, and took a trip to Colorado for his health, from which place he returned to Pennsylvania after several months "roughing it" on a hunting expedition. He then became a clerk

in the store of his uncle, J. D. Frisbee, at Cornellsville, where he remained six years. On his return to Mahoningtown at the expiration of his stay in Cornellsville, he was employed a few months in the offices of the Pennsylvania Co. at Lawrence Junction. On July 12, 1893, he was appointed postmaster of Mahoningtown. He was married in Youngstown, Ohio, June 17, 1895, to Miss Minie Lemlie, daughter of G. Lemlie, the proprietor of the large carriage works of Youngstown. Mrs. Newell is a member of the Episcopal Church. Politically, Archibald D. Newell is a stanch and loyal Democrat, and socially is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has been advanced to the Uniformed Rank.

John D. F. Newell was born in Mahoningtown, April 28, 1860. His childhood was passed in Mahoningtown, and his education included the instruction imparted to him in the public schools, in the high school of New Castle, and in Geneva College of Northwood, Ohio. As a last finishing touch, and as a fitting preparation for a business life, he took a course in Duff's Business College of Pittsburg. When but a mere lad of but ten or twelve summers, he began clerking in his father's store, and has grown up in the business, his whole career having been identified with mercantile pursuits. In 1882, with his brother, he purchased his father's store and business, which was conducted under the firm name of Newell Bros. until 1888, when John secured the entire control of the store, and has since figured as its sole proprietor. The store is the largest of its kind in Mahoningtown, and the stock carried, in quality and neat disposition, would do credit to stores in cities of many

times Mahoningtown's size, and, in consequence, Mr. Newell enjoys a large patronage from his fellow-townsmen and the residents of the surrounding country. He was married in Mahoningtown, Oct. 24, 1889, to Miss Helen Sword, a native of New Castle Junction, and daughter of John and Nancy (Shields) Sword, who were of Scotch-Irish descent. To Mr. Newell and his wife has been born one daughter, Sarah S. Mrs. Newell is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Newell is a Democrat in politics, and a member of Amazon Lodge, No. 135, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown.

Messrs. Newell have distinguished themselves as excellent business men, and public-spirited citizens, for whom nothing is more pleasant than the performing of some useful service for the community. They are blessed with exceptional talents in every branch of a broad culture and so take a high place in society and politics.

moved his family thirty-one times. At the outbreak of the war, he was in North Carolina, and lost all of his property because of the war. When peace was established, he worked for the Fort Wayne R. R. at Wooster, Clinton and Massillon, Ohio, and in 1871 went to Arkansas, and from there to Maryland. He then prepared the road-bed for the Pittsburg & Allegheny R. R. In 1873, he ceased his work as a contractor, and bought a farm and hotel at Eden Mills, Vt., where he resided until the death of his wife. He then sold his property in the Green Mountain State, and made his home in Wooster, Ohio, from which he moved to Oakmont, Pa., where he lived until his death in 1889. To our subject's parents were born six children, of whom only two are living now; the record reads as follows: Clara, deceased; John, deceased; two that died in infancy; A. Talcott, the subject of this brief personal history; and Nellie, who lives in Vermont.

A. TALCOTT SCOTT, a resident of Mahoningtown, and an employee of the P. & W. R. R., is a native of Keene, N. H., where he was born March 6, 1859. His parents were Benjamin and Caroline (Smith) Scott, the latter born in Londonderry, Vt., July 30, 1825, a daughter of Hiram Smith, a farmer of the Green Mountain State, who was born in 1800, and died at the age of seventy-five. Benjamin Scott was born in Craftsbury, Vt., Aug. 2, 1824, and was a contractor of railroad work the most of his life. He had contracts in all of the States east of the Mississippi River, and in a period of thirty years

Our subject's childhood and youth knew no special locality as home, for it was spent in some thirteen States, in which his father was at various times engaged in railroad work; he attended school in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Vermont. At the early age of twelve he began work with his father, and was associated with him from then until the latter's retirement from active work in contracting. From the time already indicated, when father and son ceased contracting, Mr. Scott lived in Vermont until 1882, when he came to Pennsylvania, and has been connected with work on the railroad in Oakmont, Youngstown, and Akron, Ohio. Since 1886, he has been in the employ of the P. & W. R. R., and has had his residence in Mahoningtown, where he has

won an enviable position in the minds of his fellow-citizens, and bears an unblemished record for integrity and faithful performance of duties. He is an enthusiastic advocate of organization in railroad circles, and holds a membership in Anchor Lodge, No. 217, Order of Railway Conductors.

He was joined in marriage Sept. 3, 1882, to Ella O'Brian, who was born in Montgomery, Vt., a daughter of Thomas and Isabel (Stratton) O'Brian. One child, A. Talcott, Jr., is the sole issue of this union. Mrs. Scott is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Scott is affiliated with the Democratic party in his political views, and takes a lively interest in local matters of interest. He is a member of Amazon Lodge, No. 336, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown.

JACOB COLNOT, master mechanic at the works of the Norway Iron and Steel Co. of New Castle, and residing at No. 121 Pearson Street, that city, was born Sept. 7, 1858, and is a son of Julian and Marian Colnot, both of whom were born in Germany, but reared in France. Julian Colnot was born May 31, 1826, the son of John and Anna Maria Colnot, and came with his wife to America in 1854. John Colnot was seven years in the French Army, and served under the great Napoleon. Our subject's father learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked many years in New Castle; he is now retired from active working, enjoying a well-earned rest in his declining years at the home of his youngest son, Nicholas, on Oak Street, New Castle.

When Jacob was an infant, his parents moved to Allegheny City, which continued to be his home until he was six or seven years of age, when his father and mother moved to New Castle, where our subject attended school. When about ten years of age, he entered the nut and bolt factory at New Castle as a helper in many subordinate capacities, and for three or four years continued to occupy inferior places, as his age did not fit him to take more responsible positions. When about fourteen years of age, he became a bolt cutter in the factory at a satisfactory increase of wages, and for five years worked as a cutter. When nineteen years of age, he learned engineering, and in the year following went to St. Ignace, Mich., on the Straits of Mackinac, where for ten years he was employed at his trade. New Castle, as the place of his boyhood years, and as the home of his parents and brothers and sisters, continued to be very dear to him, and his interest in the city was kept alive by frequent visits home during this period. In 1892 he returned to New Castle, and secured remunerative employment at the Aetna Furnace, where he worked two years. Since that time he was employed about two years as a master mechanic in the Arethusa Iron Works, owned by George W. Johnson of New Castle. In 1897 he accepted a position with the Norway Iron and Steel Co. as master mechanic.

Mr. Colnot was married Jan. 20, 1887, at St. Ignace, Mich., to Mary Agnes Martin, of Artemisia Co., Pa., daughter of Agnes and Christine (McLean) Martin, both natives of Scotland. Mrs. Colnot is an attendant of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is an independent Democrat in politics.



DR. MONTGOMERY LINVILLE.

JOHN C. MILLER, well-known resident of Moravia, Taylor township, and agent for the P. & L. E. R. R. at that point, was born in Shenango township, March 7, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Wilson) Miller. Samuel Miller was born in Moon township, Beaver Co., Pa., March 17, 1834, and was a son of John Miller, a shoe-maker by trade, who married Mary Minor, daughter of Samuel and Jennie (Grimes) Minor, the latter a native of Ireland. John Miller was a son of Henry and Eva (Rider) Miller. Henry Miller was born in Germany, where he served in the army. The mother of our subject was born in Beaver County, near the village of Aliquippa, Feb. 15, 1840, and was a daughter of John and Jane (Laird) Wilson. John Wilson was a son of John Wilson, Sr., who married Nancy Irwin. Jane Laird was born in Ireland, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Hawthorne) Laird. There were born to our subject's parents eleven children, namely: Mary Ida, the wife of James F. Sankey; John C., the subject of this personal sketch; Harry W., a farmer near Moravia; James, who died at the age of two years; Clara J. (Mrs. W. A. McMahon), now deceased; Thaddeus, who died in infancy; Homer S., a telegraph operator on the P. & W. R. R.; Ellen, who married Harry Hettenbaugh; Nettie B.; Roy C.; and Grace.

John C. Miller was reared in Shenango township, attending the schools in Warnock district, and in Wurtemberg, and the Princeton and Grove City Colleges until he was twenty-two years of age. He turned his attention to telegraphy and at the age of twenty-three set out to master it in the railroad office at Moravia. When he had become sufficiently adept at the

art, he worked extra for a year and a half, and on Nov. 17, 1886, was appointed operator at Carbon, where he was two months, and then at Wampum, where he was kept six months. He was transferred to Moravia in August, 1887, as agent, and has acceptably filled the office ever since, in a manner highly pleasing to both employers and the patrons of the station, and his wise adjustment of affairs and intelligent service in the interests of the company reflect greatly to his credit. He is a member of the O. R. T. The family all attend the Presbyterian Church. In political belief he is a Republican and holds the office of township auditor.

DR. MONTGOMERY LINVILLE, a leading and very successful physician of the city of New Castle, was born near Independence, Washington, Pa., March 9, 1854, and is a son of Jeremiah P. and Martha J. (Montgomery) Linville, and grandson of Joseph Linville.

Our subject's father was reared and educated to agricultural pursuits, and followed the same the greater part of his life, spending the last twenty years of his life in retirement in New Castle, Pa. He died at the age of seventy-three, survived by his wife, Martha, who was a sister of William Montgomery, and one son, our subject.

Dr. Linville obtained his preliminary education in the district schools of Washington, completed a collegiate course of study in Bethany College, and pursued his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He

graduated as a member of the class of 1873, and although but nineteen years of age he at once commenced the practice of his profession, locating in Princeton, Pa., and remaining there five months and a half, when he came to New Castle, where he has made his home since.

In 1873, he married Della Chapman, and they were permitted to enjoy two short sweet years of happy married life, she dying in 1875, and leaving him to bear life's trials and disappointments alone.

He is a fit representative of the medical profession of Lawrence County, and a gentleman who has attained prominence as a practitioner by carefully diagnosing his cases, and bringing that skill to bear in their treatment, which he is enabled to do by years of careful study and constant practice. His indisputed and profound knowledge of his profession, and the large success, which he has won by his persevering industry and attention to business, have given to him the standing and prestige he so richly merits. His office is at No. 35 North Mercer. He is railway surgeon for the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., and is a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. He is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Society, and the State Association of Physicians and Surgeons. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and is a member of the Knights Templar of New Castle, Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter No. 170, R. A. M.; and New Castle Commandery. As a leading exponent of correct medical practice, and as a man in every way worthy of the most unqualified esteem and regard, we have placed Dr. Linville's portrait on a preceding page.

SAMUEL A. BARNES, an engineer in the employ of the P. & W. R. R., residing at Mahoningtown, was born in Fredericksburg, Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1858, and is a son of Henry Clinton and Matilda A. (Hutchinson) Barnes. Henry C. Barnes was born in Fredericksburg, Ohio, in 1832, and at this writing is leading a retired life on the outskirts of Fredericksburg, where he owns a large and well-improved farm, over which he still has the supervision. Besides taking a prominent place among his fellow-townsmen as a successful and progressive agriculturist, he has for many years dealt in all kinds of farm machinery as a special agent. During the latter part of the War, he served in the army as a recruit under the hundred days' call. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post of Fredericksburg. In his political views he is a Republican. In religious matters he affiliates with the Congregational Church, although reared as a Presbyterian. He was a son of Peter and Margaret (Guthrie) Barnes, the latter a daughter of Joseph Guthrie, who attained the age of ninety years. Peter Barnes, who was a farmer by occupation, was a native of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and died in Fredericksburg, at the age of seventy-seven. He was a son of Henry Barnes, who it is thought was of Scotch-Irish descent. Our subject's mother was born in Fredericksburg, Ohio, and was a daughter of Jimpsey Hutchinson, who was a carpenter by trade, but supported himself in the latter years of his life by farming. He died at the age of seventy-eight, after a life singularly free from illness; the sickness that preceded his death was the only sickness he ever had; at his death every tooth was in his head, sound and perfect. He

moved from his birth-place in Pennsylvania to Wayne Co., Ohio, about 1811 or 1812, and was one of the first settlers of that county. He was descended from a sturdy and robust line of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Our subject attended the district schools of Fredericksburg until he was nineteen years of age, when he went to Jacksonville, Fla., where he was engaged in the hardware business until 1880. Returning to Ohio in that year, he interested himself in the lumber business in Fredericksburg, where he remained in business until 1888, when he disposed of the stock and trade, and came to Mahoningtown to accept a position as fireman on the P. & W. R. R. After two years in that position, in which time he made the best of his opportunities and rendered himself capable of running an engine himself, he took his place at the throttle in 1890, and has since that time acceptably and creditably fulfilled the work expected of him, serving as engineer on different divisions of the road. The locomotive engineers are among the best citizens of the country, for their vocation demands staid, sober habits, a high order of intelligence, combined with a readiness to solve knotty problems, and a wonderful adherence to duty, which often leads them to risk or even sacrifice their own lives that the lives of those placed in their charge may be safe.

Mr. Barnes was united in marriage in Fredericksburg, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1883, to Miss Rosetta Miller, who was born in Waverly, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Mary Miller. Mrs. Miller died Aug. 28, 1897, age 70. Mrs. Barnes has borne her husband an interesting family of six children: Frank; Robert M.; Beatrice;

Dora M.; Belle, deceased; and Sylvia. Our subject and wife attend religious services in the M. E. Church. Mr. Barnes has been a life-long Republican, and always stands ready to aid his party, when it is in his power. He is a member of Amazon Lodge, No. 336, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown; and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Mahoningtown Division.

JAMES A. GARDNER, the city attorney of New Castle, and a prominent citizen and lawyer of the county, was born Jan. 12, 1843, in Butler Co., Pa., just across the Lawrence County line, on the old homestead of which the larger portion lay in Lawrence County. His great-grandfather, John Gardner, was born near Belfast, Ireland, and immigrated to this country soon after his marriage with Jane Anderson. He bought a tract of land just at the edge of the county, which was at that time Beaver County, and followed the pursuits of agriculture the rest of his life, his death occurring at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He became a very well-to-do farmer, and by hard work and excellent judgment and foresightedness he accumulated considerable property, and at his death left the homestead intact to his son James Gardner, who lived on it all his life, filling his place in the community as a farmer, and dying at the age of ninety. His wife, Catherine McComb, reared him the following children: John; George W.; William; Robert A.; Jane (Stewart); Martha (Frazier); Isabella (Buruside); and Eliza A. (Frew).

John Gardner, the eldest son, and the father of our subject, inherited that portion of the homestead that lay in Butler County, where he was engaged in farming and in following the occupation of a drover until his death at the age of thirty-three. He married Jane Vance, daughter of James Vance of Lawrence County; she was born in 1820, and died in 1864. Five children were born of this union, as follows: James A., our subject; John V.; Mima (Gardner), deceased; Theodore L.; and George R.

James A. Gardner attended the district school, select schools and the academy, and put the education thus obtained to good service in teaching two terms of school. On July 21, 1861, he enlisted for the war in Battery B., First Reg. Art. of the Pennsylvania Reserves Volunteer Corps, which battery was commonly known as Cooper's Battery, and was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and belonged first to the First Corps, and then to the Fifth. He was engaged in the following of the principal battles of the Army of the Potomac, viz.: Drainsville, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Glendale, or Charles City Cross-Roads, Malvern Hill, Gainesville, Groveton, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburgh, Fitzhugh's Crossing, Chancellorsville, Gettysburgh, Mine Run, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Po River, Spottsylvania C. H., North Anna River, Bethesda Church, Tolopotomy, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, siege and capture of Petersburg, Appomattox C. H., his battery having been in nine out of twelve of the greatest battles of the war, and has the record of having lost more men in the service than any other volunteer battery. Our subject entered

the army as a private, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out June 9, 1865, as a first lieutenant. Returning from the scene of fratricidal strife, Mr. Gardner became interested in the mercantile business at Princeton, Pa., and kept a store for six years. He served as a justice of the peace, and his introduction to legal forms and legal procedure in that position created a desire on his part to study law. In 1874, he gave up his mercantile business, and became a student of law under Judge John McMichael, and J. M. Martin of New Castle, and was admitted to the bar of the State of Pennsylvania in 1876. He immediately began his practice, opening an office at 136½ East Washington Street, which has continued to be his headquarters ever since for the reception of his many clients and for the transaction of such business as usually come before a leading lawyer. He has been very successful in his profession, and the court records of Lawrence County, and of other neighboring counties of the State, bear eloquent testimony to his skill, and to his intimate acquaintance with legal procedure. He is a thorough Republican, and has served eight years on the school board and seven years in the city council, four of which years mark the period when he officiated as president of the latter municipal organization. He has also served as city attorney several years, and is serving in that capacity at this writing.

Mr. Gardner married Mary E. Frew, daughter of David Frew of Slippery Rock township. There have been born to them the following children: David A.; Flora M. (Vance); Nancy; and John M.

HENRY C. ALBORN is a representative farmer of Shenango township, and resides on his farm on lot No. 65, Donation Land, Shenango township, about four miles south of the city of New Castle. Mr. Alborn comes from the German Fatherland, that proud old empire which has contributed to the United States so many of the best and most substantial citizens of the country. He was born in the village of Fuerstenhaagen, Nov. 7, 1839, and is a son of Augustus and Christiana (Elias) Alborn.

Our subject's mother was born near Fuerstenhaagen, where her parents lived and died. Augustus Alborn was a miller when a resident of Germany. He set sail from Bremen for America in August, 1846, and after a long sea voyage of fifty-one days in a sailing vessel, he landed at Baltimore, Md. From that city he came direct to Pittsburg, and thence to Beaver County to the home of kinsfolks, who had preceded him to the New World which was so rich in promise to the Old World emigrant. After living two months with relatives, Mr. Alborn purchased a farm of fifty-five acres in Franklin township, Beaver County, and with true German thrift soon began adding to it, first by a purchase of ten acres, and then by a subsequent purchase of forty acres adjoining, making altogether a farm of 105 acres. Later on, he bought another farm of fifty acres near by, and took up his residence on the latter farm, renting his former home, but still cultivating the land. His death occurred in December, 1885, when he was aged seventy-eight years. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

Henry C. Alborn, the eldest of five children, three of whom were born in Germany, was

seven years old, when his parents came to America. He was sent to school in Beaver County, and continued to be a quite regular pupil until he was seventeen years of age, from which age until he was twenty-two years old he remained under the parental roof, and worked for his father. He then began life for himself, renting at first a farm from his father in Perry township, Lawrence County, which he operated for three years. He then bought seventy-five acres in Franklin township near his father, where he lived and labored for ten years. In 1874 he bought his present farm of ninety-six acres in Shenango township, on which are standing a fine brick house and substantial out-buildings. Mr. Alborn devotes his time and attention to general mixed farming, and to the manufacture of cider, having a large steam-power press in a convenient location on the homestead. He has planted choice trees, kept fences and buildings in excellent repair, and everything in and about the premises betokens the existence of thrift and prosperity. He is favored with a good, physical constitution, and combines strictness of moral principles with energy and decision of character, winning honorable success in business, and securing a competence as a product of personal industry and good judgment put forth in a field wisely selected.

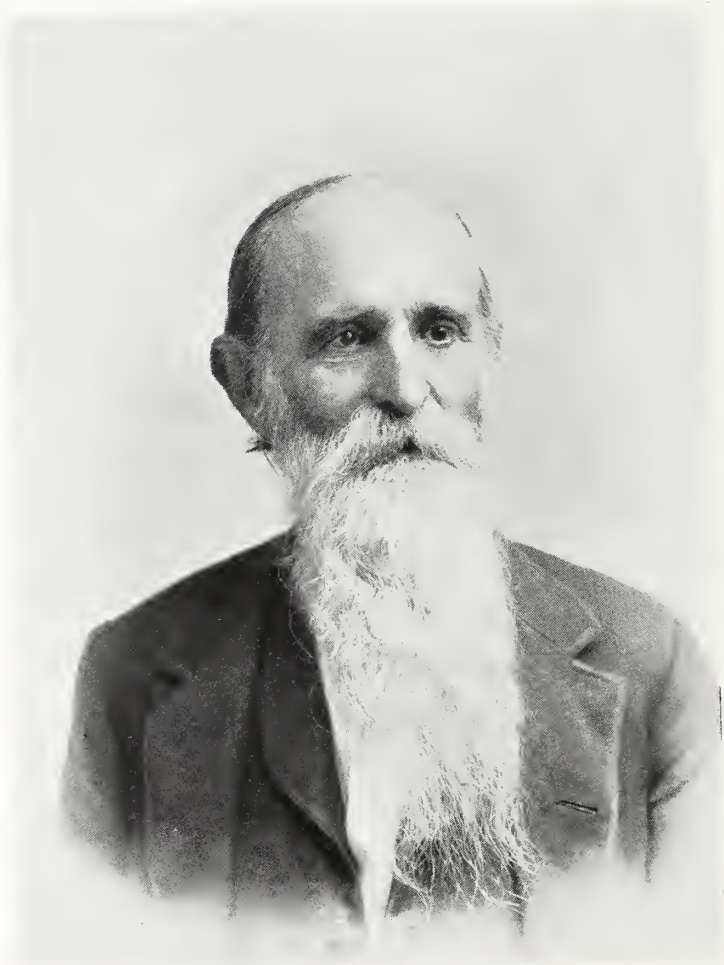
On March 14, 1861, Mr. Alborn was joined in marriage with Miss Caroline Young, who was born in the village of Deutchweiler, Rheinfahls, Baiern, one of the provinces of Germany, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Mueller) Young, the latter a daughter of George Jacob Mueller, a tailor by trade, who lived and died in Germany. John Young came to the United

States in 1852, sailing from Havre, April 3, and reaching New York City in twenty-six days. He came direct to Beaver County, where an uncle had preceded him, and for the first year after his arrival rented a house, and worked at what his hands could find to do, becoming acquainted with the American language and American customs in the meantime. In 1853, he bought a fifty-six acre tract of land and began improving it; this continued to be his home until his death in 1858, when aged fifty-two years. Of a family of four born to her parents, Mrs. Alborn was the third in seniority. Our subject's union with his estimable wife, has resulted in six children—Mary Amelia, deceased; Caroline, the wife of Rev. Ivan Dietrich of Allegheny City, to whom she has presented four children—Theodore, Hilda, Luther, and Herman; Charles F., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; Henry; Tillie; and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Alborn with their family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Alborn is a Democrat in politics.

FRANK N. TRUESDALE, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines, living at Mahoningtown, was born in Jamestown, Pa., Oct. 26, 1860, and is a son of C. L. and Maria (Housel) Truesdale; the former was born in Brookfield, Ohio, March 5, 1833, and the latter in Edinborough, Erie Co., Pa., May 27, 1839. During his residence in Jamestown, the father of our subject ran a planing-mill seven years as an operative, and five years as the owner. He now

resides in Sharpsville, following the pattern-maker's trade. Religiously he is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a Prohibitionist in his political affiliations, and his opinions on various phases of the liquor question are clear-cut and decided; he has served eight years as school director, and has likewise filled acceptably the office of tax collector. He is a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance.

Our subject's parents lived in Jamestown until he was four years of age, when they moved to Conneautville, where they made their home seven years, returning then to Jamestown. Frank N. attended the schools of the two towns at odd intervals until his eighteenth year, for from an early age he supported himself, and was unable to devote what time he might have wished to the acquiring of an education. As early as fourteen years of age, he worked out for his board and schooling for a farmer, who lived near Jamestown, with whom he remained two years. For a like period he worked in a hotel, attending school during the sessions. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty he was in the employ of his father in the planing-mill at Jamestown, and in 1881 he went to Ashtabula Harbor, where for a year he was employed in the planing mill. He then accepted a position on the Pennsylvania R. R., and has been in the employ of that railroad ever since. Even before this he had seen something of railroad life, for during his twelfth and thirteenth years he was a newsboy on the trains. In 1882, he secured a position as fireman on the P. Y. & A. R. R., a branch of the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines, and on Oct. 28, 1887, he was promoted to the post of engineer, making his first run two days later.



EZEKIEL R. SANKEY.

This elevation in rank came quite unexpectedly, for on the day previous to his promotion the engine which Mr. Truesdale was firing was in a head-end collision, and was completely wrecked; his cool-headed conduct through this occurrence was highly commended by his engineer to the superior officers of the road, that on the following morning he was called up, not having the slightest idea of what was coming, and was informed that he should consider himself as one of the company's trusted engineers thereafter. By his long years of faithful service he has shown himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him, and is now considered one of the best engineers on the road. His record, which in its way is quite unequalled, shows that he has not failed to draw his wages on pay-day since he became an engineer, or in fact since 1882, and has suffered but one suspension. He is a prominent member of Brotherhood circles, and most loyal in his devotion to the cause of united labor; he is a member of the B. of L. E., W. L. Scott Division, No. 298 of Erie, of which division he is the local collector; he organized the Mahoning Lodge of the B. of L. F. in 1890, and is one of the charter members.

Mr. Truesdale has twice been joined in matrimony. His first wife, Mary Leonard, a native of Turner's, Pa., whom he married in Jamestown, died Nov. 30, 1884. Of the two children, who were the fruit of this union, Bessie, the elder, died in infancy, and Harry William makes his home with his grandparents in Sharpsville. Mr. Truesdale's second marriage took place at Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, Sept. 16, 1886, the bride being Miss Jennie Fox, who was born in Sheffield, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and

Fanny (Meisner) Fox. Mr. Fox is a successful merchant of Ashtabula, though formerly of Sheffield. To Mr. Truesdale and his wife two children have been given: Clyde, and Edna. Mrs. Truesdale is a member of the Methodist Church, and regular in her attendance upon divine worship. Mr. Truesdale, although he has not the time to take a very active interest in politics, whether local or national, is a loyal Republican, and at every legitimate opportunity does what he can to advance Republican principles.

EZEKIEL R. SANKEY, a well-known, retired citizen of New Castle, who has contributed largely to the growth and development of the flourishing city, of which he is now an honored resident, has dealt more extensively in real estate than any other man in the city, and owns at the present time a large amount of property in building lots and dwelling-houses. He was born in the township, Dec. 9, 1817, and is a son of William and Hannah (Ricketts) Sankey, grandson of Ezekiel and Jane (Culbertson) Sankey, and great-grandson of William Sankey. The latter, of whom little positive is known, as he died early in life, was a farmer by occupation, and lived and died in the eastern part of the State. His children were: William; John; Jennie; Annie; Rachel; Esther; and Ezekiel.

Our subject's grandfather, Ezekiel Sankey, settled in Mercer County, and became its second sheriff; he was a popular man with all classes, and progressive in his ideas. He served as major in the War of 1812, and died Nov. 27, 1813. His

wife fell into that last sleep, the balm for all sorrow and pain on earth, at the age of ninety-four. They reared the following family of children: William; Sarah; Ann; Jane; Joseph; John Riddle; James; David; Ezekiel; and Theodocia.

William, the eldest son, was born Nov. 27, 1794, and, receiving a portion of his father's estate, he followed farming on the homestead all his life, dying Nov. 27, 1860. His wife was about sixty years old when she died July 12, 1849. Five children were born to them, as follows: Ezekiel R.; Joseph; Thomas F.; Elizabeth; and Jane A.

In his boyhood, our subject improved whatever chances were offered him in the way of an education in the district schools, and assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm; in early manhood, he learned the carpenter's trade, and then that of cabinet-maker, and, desiring to be more than a farmer, to extend his life in other directions, he started on a Western tour, working at his trade at various places. Many of the Western States were visited by him, but to his mind none were so progressive as his own native State, and he accordingly returned home, bought the homestead, built a new house and barns. After he had accumulated sufficient capital, he entered into the business of contracting and building; he then moved to New Castle and bought five acres at the lower end of South Mill Street, which he laid out in lots, erected buildings on them, and sold at an advance value, having become one of the best mechanics and builders of his section of the county. He was engaged to go to Lowell, Ohio, where he helped to construct the first blast furnace ever built in this part of the country; later he built the Green-

ville furnace, and gained such an excellent reputation at that business, that for several years he profitably followed the business of building and repairing furnaces. He then purchased the Thomas Rice estate, which was located at No. 370 West Washington Street, and built an elegant and commodious brick house, where he has since lived. Having several acres, he laid it out into lots, with the streets and walks complete, erected houses, and has sold a great part of it. He has bought and sold many other lots in New Castle, being interested in twenty-three houses at one time. He also ran a grocery store for seven years.

Mr. Sankey has been married twice. His first wife was Eliza McDonald, daughter of Randall McDonald of Edenburg; she died Aug. 12, 1849, leaving two children: Hezekiah R., born Feb. 13, 1843; Salathiel McDonald, born Feb. 21, 1845, a farmer of Atwood, Kansas, who has seven children—Catherine B., Eggleston C. William W., Georgie V., Ezekiel R., Ervin Mc., Hezekiah A., and Ira D.; Viana, born Aug. 29, 1847, preceded her mother to the grave. Our subject married as his second wife Ann D. Cox, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Law) Cox, who were members of the farming community of New Castle township. Mrs. Sankey was born Sept. 20, 1818. Our subject and his wife are blessed with the best of health, and enjoy as happy and contented life together as one would care to see. They have three children: Olive Jane, born March 3, 1852, is the widow of William Davis, deceased, and has two children—Edna and J. Emerson; Bessie R., born Sept. 6, 1855, married Dr. George W. Greene, a dentist of New Castle, and has two children—Mabel and

Frances; Edice F., wife of J. C. Norris, a merchant of Mahoningtown, they have one son, Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Sankey are members of the M. E. Church. Our subject is a Republican in his politics, and has served as supervisor, as overseer of the poor, and as school director.

Charles G. Sankey, agent of the Pennsylvania R. R. at New Castle, was born in that city, Sept. 7, 1865, and is a son of Charles C. and Margaret E. (McConahy) Sankey, grandson of Ezekiel and Sarah S. (Jones), and great-grandson of Ezekiel and Jane (Culbertson) Sankey, whose life is recorded above. Charles C. Sankey, the father of Charles G., was born in New Castle township, August 10, 1835, attended its schools, and learned civil engineering, which profession he followed from 1850 until 1865, more or less. In 1861, he enlisted at the first call for troops, and served three months in Co. H. He was then appointed agent of the New Castle station for the Pennsylvania R. R., when but one engine did all the work on the road; he has remained in the employ of the company until the present date, has kept its records, carefully looked after its business, and watched its progress, which is so great that now four engines are required to do the switching in the yards. During this time, he has made many acquaintances, and won to himself many friends, and is held in the highest esteem in the town, and throughout the county, and everywhere he is known. He has been twice married, his first wife being Margaret E. McConahy, daughter of David and Jane McConahy; she died at the age of forty, after presenting her husband, who deeply felt the loss inflicted on him, with five children, as follows: Clyde J., a jeweler of Pitts-

burg; Charles G., our subject; Fred B., of Pittsburg, traveling passenger agent of the Pennsylvania R. R.; Laura E.; and Margaret. By his second wife, Vienna Montgomery, he has three children: Howard M.; Sarah; and Marion. He owns the fine residence on Wallace Avenue, which he makes his home.

Charles G. Sankey left school March 12, 1884, to accept the position of ticket agent of the Pennsylvania R. R. at New Castle, and on March 14, 1894, he was appointed agent, although yet a young man. He is a very popular and well-liked young man, and is thoroughly conversant with all the details of the business which he manages.

In connection with this biographical memoir, we present the portrait of Ezekiel R. Sankey; this likeness will prove an important addition to the galaxy of portraits of the leading citizens of Lawrence County that appears scattered throughout this Book of Biographies.



SCOTT D. LONG, a prominent member of the Lawrence County bar, and a member of the firm of Dana & Long, was born in New Castle, Feb. 27, 1847. He is a son of David and Susan (McCandless) Long, grandson of Joseph Long, and great-grandson of Alexander Long, who came from Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1806, and located on a farm just a little south of New Castle. His farm of 200 acres was divided after his death between his two sons, Joseph and Arthur, each taking 100 acres and living there all their lives. Joseph Long, grandfather of Scott D.,

was drowned while fording the river at Rock Point on horseback, when forty years of age. He was survived by his wife Ellen and seven children, all of whom lived to enjoy many years of mature manhood and womanhood. The children bore the following names: Alexander; John; Sarah; Margaret; Joseph, Jr.; David; and Arthur S.

David Long was born in 1814 in New Castle, and learned the trade of a stone-mason; on the old canal he was engaged for long periods, and also constructed many cellars in New Castle, furnishing the stone for his work from a quarry which he owned and operated. In 1864 he bought a farm in Mercer County, and farmed there in connection with his stone-mason work until 1880, when he retired to New Castle, and died in 1885. His first wife, Jane, daughter of James McWilliams, died at the age of twenty-five, leaving three children: James M.; Ellen; and Lydia, deceased. His second wife, Susan McCandless, daughter of James McCandless, was the mother of our subject, and was born in 1815, and died in 1893; she bore Mr. Long the following children: Scott D., the subject of this notice; Robert C., deceased; Laura; William H.; and Joseph.

Scott D. Long was educated in the New Castle schools, and finished in the State Normal School. He undertook his preparation for the practice of law under the direction of Messrs. D. B. and E. T. Kutz of New Castle, and was admitted to the bar in May, 1869. Soon after he formed a partnership with Mr. S. W. Dana, under the firm name of Dana & Long, and they have since practiced very extensively throughout the county and State, taking care of a large

general business in New Castle. They are well known in Western Pennsylvania as a firm that has been successfully engaged in many noted cases.

Mr. Long married Eva F. Morehead, daughter of H. H. Morehead of New Castle, and four children constitute the family, as follows: Ella M.; Clara L.; David H.; and George S. They are Presbyterians in their religious sympathies. Mr. Long uniformly casts his vote and personal influence in favor of the Republican party and its principles.

JAMES C. NORRIS, one of Lawrence County's promising young lawyers, and a resident of New Castle, was born near the city in 1870. His father, Nathaniel Norris, was born in 1832 in County Cork, Ireland, and came to America about the time he attained his majority, locating in New Castle. He was a tanner by trade, but did not follow his trade after coming to this country, but obtained employment in the mills of New Castle, where he worked twenty-five years in the capacity of a puddler. He is now retired from active work and owns and lives on a lot covering about one and one-half acres, which is situated within the present city limits. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of James Boyd of Mercer County, was born in 1842. They reared the following seven children: Samuel H., born 1863; John B., 1867; James C., 1870; Minnie M., 1874; Cassius, 1876; Charles, 1877; and Frank, 1884.

Our subject was educated in the schools of New Castle and in Grove City College, and

studied law with Dana & Long of New Castle, being admitted to the bar for the practice of the legal profession in the March term of court, 1895. He immediately opened an office at No. 6, East Street, where he now conducts a general law practice. With his superabundant energy and undaunted perseverance, he is attracting to himself a large and lucrative business. He is making rapid progress in his profession, and we venture to predict that in the near future we shall hear of his merited success as one of the leading attorneys and counselors-at-law of his county; by his close application to the business of his profession, supplemented by his genial and hearty manners, he is surrounding himself with a host of admiring friends.

May 26, 1897, Mr. Norris was united in marriage with Miss Effie J. Norris, an accomplished young lady of Claflin, Kansas, who finished her education in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Norris' father, N. E. Norris, is a prominent agriculturist of Claflin, Kansas.

FRANK S. HILL, a prominent light of the legal fraternity, and a resident of the city of New Castle, is a son of William Hill, and grandson of John Hill, who was born in Washington Co., Pa. John Hill was a cabinet-maker by trade and was engaged in fine furniture-making until middle life, when he bought a farm about one-half a mile south of New Bedford, Lawrence County, where he remained a number of years. From there he went to New Middlesex, Mercer County, and from there to Pulaski, Lawrence County, where he died aged forty-eight years.

He married as his first wife a Miss Morris, who died leaving six children: John; Abe; William; Annie (Guthrie); Maria (Cameron); and Margaret (Slack). His second wife, Elizabeth Dennison, left him five more children: James; Mary (Elliott); Jane (Longworth); David; and Alexander. His third wife was a Miss Edwards.

Our subject's father, William Hill, was born near New Bedford, Lawrence Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1821, and passed his boyhood days and early manhood in farming at Pulaski and at New Middlesex. He was married at the latter place to Lavina J. Shoemaker, daughter of John and Nancy (Himilight) Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker, who was a native of Armstrong Co., Pa., was a lumberman and later kept a hotel in the Old Stone Hotel in Butler County, of which he was the host, when the exciting depredations in Western Pennsylvania were committed. He had a family of seven children, who were as follows: Lucinda (Welchance); Hannah (Bunnell); Simon, deceased; Lavina J. (Hill); Lizzie (Sanderson); John; and Nancy, deceased. Mr. Shoemaker died at the age of sixty, and his wife at the age of eighty-three. William Hill moved to New Castle in 1851, where he began the manufacture of pottery, which business continued to monopolize his attention for twenty-one years. In 1881, he became a traveling salesman for the Pittsburg Clay Manufacturing Co. of New Brighton, and is still in the employ of said concern. His wife has borne him three children, as follows: Mary E., deceased; John H.; and Frank S.

Frank S. Hill was born in the city of New Castle, Feb. 10, 1858, and received his schooling in the New Castle schools, in Power's Commer-

cial College, and in New Castle University. He studied law with Col. McComb, and was admitted to the bar July 6, 1881, and has confined his practice to New Castle and its environs, his office being located at No. 29½ East Washington Street.

In 1885, our subject married Margaret Harbison, daughter of Andrew Harbison of Shengango township, and they have four children: Thomas E.; Mary H.; Frank S. Jr.; and Gertrude. In politics, Mr. Hill is sure to be found in the ranks of the Republican party, throwing his influence toward that party which he considers the best. He is a member of the Order of Royal Templars, Order of the Woodmen of the World, and Council No. 180, Junior Order.

WALLACE H. FALLS, a leading and prominent attorney-at-law of New Castle City, is a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of that city.

In 1804 Henry Falls came from Center Co., Pa., to New Castle, a settlement which at that time could boast of but four residences, and settled on a spot on Highland Avenue, which locality was then wild and uncultivated. Henry Falls was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1760, and immigrated to this country in company with his brother, Joseph, in 1779. His wife before her marriage was a Miss Susan Kennedy; their children were named: John; Thomas; Sarah and Rachel, twins; Henry; and Joseph C. He died in 1847, and his wife survived his death seven years.

Thomas, the second son of Henry Falls, was born in Ligonier Valley, Center Co., Pa., Oct. 29, 1793, and at the age of fourteen years was brought by his parents to what is now the city of New Castle, where he passed his boyhood days on the farm, helping his father during the spring, summer and fall, and attending the rude schools of that time in the winter. As soon as he became a man, he went to Mercer and learned the tanning trade; after serving an apprenticeship of three years, he went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he labored at his trade one summer. He then returned home to New Castle, and established a tannery, which he conducted with the most flattering success until 1841, when he resigned the management of it to his eldest son. In 1831 he built thereon the house which remained his home until his death Oct. 8, 1865; this house was the third brick house to be built in New Castle. He accumulated a large amount of real estate in the borough and owned several farms near by; as the country grew up, his large landed possessions gave him a prestige among his less fortunate neighbors as a man of wealth and means. The settlement, which could scarcely be termed a hamlet during his boyhood days, he lived to see become a flourishing young city, with the brightest prospect of a future before it. In the bringing about of this good result, nothing is more certain than that Mr. Falls did his full share; he built twelve house in the city, and always aided in public enterprises. He was a model citizen, and highly esteemed as a Christian gentleman. Dec. 25, 1818, he was joined in wedlock with Sarah Wilson, daughter of Adam Wilson of New Wilmington, this county;



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she died June 26, 1870, aged seventy-six years. Eight children were born to them: Wilson; Henry C.; Rachel; Maria J.; J. Smith; Susan; Sarah; and Thomas H.

Henry C. Falls, father of Wallace H. Falls, was born in New Castle, July 8, 1822. He was reared as a farmer, and with the exception of a brief period spent in the grocery business in Pittsburg, he pursued agricultural pursuits for a livelihood. In 1854 he was married to Mary A. Wallace, daughter of David Wallace, Esq., of Lancaster, Pa., and to them two sons were born: Wallace H., our subject, and Thomas, who died when aged ten years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Falls were members of the First Presbyterian Church, in which communion Mr. Falls held the office of elder. His farm consisted of a very nicely improved tract of 140 acres, which lay within the city limits of New Castle. He was a gentleman of plain manners, sterling good sense, and moved by generous and kindly impulses. He was a strong Republican, and was elected a member to the State Legislature in 1884; his health failed rapidly, and he was called home to receive the welcome plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." He died before his term had expired, Feb. 23, 1885. His wife lived to the age of sixty-seven years, departing this life in May, 1896. Mrs. Falls was a lady of refinement and of a substantial worth.

Wallace H. Falls was born in New Castle, Nov. 9, 1855, and received his education in the schools of New Castle, Bellefonte, and Chambersburg, and in Lafayette College, graduating from the latter institution in the class of 1878. He pursued the studies which were to make him

an able lawyer under the direction of Judge John McMichael, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. Since then he has practiced his profession with eminent success, and is able to enroll his name among the lists of the best lawyers of the State; his office is located in the Clendenin block.

Mr. Falls was married in 1883 to Miss Mary E. Pardoe, daughter of William N. Pardoe of Mercer Co., Pa., and to them has been given one child: Helen W. Mr. Falls is a member of the Mahoning Lodge, No. 343, F. & A. M.; and of Fidelis Lodge, K. of P., and is now past chancellor and chief tribune of the grand tribune of the State of Pennsylvania.

DR. MARIA WHITE, a prominent physician and surgeon of New Castle, now engaged in the active practice of her profession, after many years spent as a medical missionary for the United Presbyterian Board of Missions in the Panjab, India, was born in Grove City, Mercer Co., Pa., April 11, 1858, and is a daughter of George W. and Susanna Kerr (Wallace) White. Our subject's grandfather, John White, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to America the latter part of the last century, settling at first in Washington County, Pa., and later removing to Mercer County, near Grove City, where it is said his family was the second of white parentage to make their home. He was a farmer by occupation, and cleared and tilled the soil, where Grove City is now located; he was a large land-owner and considered to be a very prominent man of his day. He married

Margaret McQuery, granddaughter of the Rev. Matthew Henderson, a pioneer minister in this part of the State, and a native of Scotland. The following children were born to them: John P.; Rachel; James; Jane; Samuel G.; George W.; Hiram C.; Elizabeth S.; and Henderson C. In their religious belief they were originally Seceders, but eventually united with the United Presbyterian Church. John White departed this life in 1854, and his wife preceded him about ten years.

George W. White was born Jan. 3, 1812, and was educated in the schools of Grove City, and upon the completion of his education learned the stone-cutter's trade, also the stone-mason's trade, and his services were in great demand from far and near, for he could be depended upon to do reliable and substantial work. In later life he also operated a farm in connection with his work as a stone-cutter and mason. In his early years he was a Whig in the expression of his political preferences; later on when that party gave way to the Republican party, he became a Republican, and lastly enlisted in the ranks of the Prohibition party. In 1839, he was joined in marriage with Susannah Wallace, daughter of Hugh and Ann (Kerr) Wallace, and eight children resulted from this happy union as follows: John Newton; Mary A.; Margaret A.; Susanna K., deceased; Eleanor J.; Sue; Narcissa; and Maria, the subject of this narration. John Newton married Mary J. Stevenson of Harlansburg, Pa., and has five children—Anna A.; J. Wilbur, deceased; George S.; Sarah N.; and Arthur C. Mary A., our subject's oldest sister, married Valentine Z. Ball of Hendersonville, Pa., and they reared the following family:

Eleanor J.; George D.; Narcissa; Frank; Nora A.; Mary M.; J. Norman; Nettie; and Maria J. Eleanor J. married the Rev. James E. Roberts of Harlansburg, Pa., and bore him six children, namely: Anna Mary; Cordelia J.; Susanna B.; M. Edith; Maggie M.; and Mabel B. Sue married Ezra Koonce, and their union was blessed with the birth of three children: Viola; Ivan C.; and Burt E. Narcissa, next youngest sister to our subject, married Marshall J. Kinney of Astoria, Oregon. Our subject's mother passed away Jan. 26, 1872, and her father July 24, 1882. They were United Presbyterians in their religious belief.

Dr. Maria White obtained her elementary education in the schools of Grove City, later attending the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa., after which she taught school for a time, and then took a two years' course in the Grove City College. In 1881 she went to New York City as a missionary under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, and spent one year laboring among the poor of the tenement districts, being called home to Grove City in 1882, on the death of her father. Remaining at home one year, she read medicine during that time under the direction and tutelage of Dr. Van Emon, and in 1883 entered the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, Md., where she was connected as a student until her graduation in 1886, her vacations being spent in the hospitals of Baltimore. She also took a course in bacteriology at Johns Hopkins College. Dr. White then went to New York City to take post-graduate work, spending three months in a special course in the treatment of disorders of the eye and ear, diseases of children,

of the nervous system, and in orthopedic surgery. After returning to Grove City, and taking leave of her friends, she sailed, under the United Presbyterian Board of Missions, from Philadelphia the fifteenth day of September, 1886, for India, being located at Sialkot in the Panjab, being the first lady surgeon sent out by that board. About one year after reaching that place she opened a hospital and dispensary in the city on a small scale. Later on she purchased land and erected a large hospital, where she remained as chief surgeon and physician eight years, also devoting a considerable portion of her time and strength to teaching many of the native girls the art of nursing. In connection with the hospital, she also established a dispensary twenty miles from Sialkot in the city of Pasrur. In 1894, Dr. White returned to America, recuperating a few months in Astoria, Oregon. Later on she came to New Castle, where she has been very successfully engaged in the labors peculiar to her profession, and has a very large office practice. She is a devoted and enthusiastic worker in the interests of the W. C. T. U., and an ardent advocate of the aims and principles of the Prohibition party.

Dr. White contemplates returning to India soon to again enter into missionary work. The publishers of this Book of Biographies of Lawrence County are indeed proud of the opportunity of presenting with this short review of Dr. White's useful Christian life, her portrait, which appears on a preceding page. The great numbers of workers in the home missionary field, and her near and dear friends, will now have a suitable memento of her, when she is far distant in Eastern lands, allaying suffering and combating disease in the cause of The Great Healer.

JOHN C. ROBISON of Mahoningtown is an engineer of the Pennsylvania R. R., running on the E. & A. Division. He was born in Sharon, Pa., Sept. 12, 1861, and is a son of John A. and Elizabeth (Coner) Robison. The latter, now deceased, was a daughter of Abraham Coner, who came to Mahoning Co., Ohio, from Westmoreland Co., Pa.; he was of German descent; his wife was a Miss Carpenter, who lived near Ellenburg, Lawrence Co., Pa. John A. Robison, the father of our subject, was born Nov. 2, 1833, and served in the Civil War; he is at present engaged in the furniture business in Sharon, Pa. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance. He was a son of Samuel Robison, who was born two miles south of Pulaski in 1802; he married Miss Wallace, a native of Scotland, who was born in 1809, and came with her parents to America in 1816; her mother's name was Greene before her marriage. Samuel Robison was a son of James Robison, a native of Ireland, who settled on a farm two miles south of Pulaski, and died at an advanced age.

Our subject was brought up in Sharon, and attended its common schools; at the age of seventeen he began railroading, and on Sept. 20, 1887, he was appointed fireman, and on Aug. 6, 1889, was promoted to the post of engineer, since which date he has been in the constant employ of the Pennsylvania R. R., running on the E. & A. Division, and proving himself worthy of the high regard and confidence in which he is held.

He was married June 6, 1892, in Mahoningtown, to Sallie M. Frisbee, daughter of H. B.

Frisbee, and to them have been given three children: Samuel, deceased; Hugh; and Charles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robison are members in good and regular standing of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Robison's political views coincide with those advanced by the Republican party, and consequently we find him among the staunch supporters of that party. He is a member of the following organizations: Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, W. L. Scott Division, No. 298, of Erie, Pa.; Mahoning Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 243, of New Castle; and Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

JOHN L. THOMPSON, the proprietor of a thriving grocery business, recently established at 198 East Long Avenue, New Castle, was born in Pulaski Township, Lawrence County, December 23, 1845. His native township continued to be his home through his younger years and its district schools were diligently attended until he enlisted in the army February 27, 1865, in Company G, 78th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served through the remainder of the war, saw service in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, and was honorably discharged at Nashville, September 11, 1865. On his return from the front he lived at home a short time, and then served three months as an apprentice to a carpenter, but discontinued that trade to learn cabinet-making, at which he worked some seven years, both in Sharon and in New Castle. He again took up the carpenter's trade, and followed it in Sharon until 1873,

when he came to New Castle, and was engaged in building in that city until 1890, also working at various times in this period in the planing mills. Then for a number of years he was not actively engaged in any occupation, but in the fall of 1895 he built a store-room at No. 198 East Long Avenue, and on the first day of January, 1896, he opened it to the patronage of the public with a fine stock of groceries, dealing in bakery products as well. He is enjoying an excellent trade, and with improving times will widely extend his business.

Mr. Thompson is a son of David and Elizabeth A. (Love) Thompson, the latter a daughter of Hugh Love. David Thompson was born in Pulaski township on the same farm as was his son, our subject, and lived and died there at the age of seventy-four years. With the exception of a few years in early life when he followed the trade of a carpenter, he made farming his sole vocation. He was a staunch Republican in his political views. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Scott) Thompson, were among the early pioneers of the county, and lived on the farm all their lives. George Thompson was an expert at the shoemaker's trade, and supplied all his family with foot wear.

The subject of this notice was joined in marriage, Oct. 10, 1868, to Josephine Reynolds, a daughter of John F. and Margaret J. (Hickman) Reynolds, and a granddaughter of Robert Reynolds, who married a Miss Spessard. Robert Reynolds, was one of the earliest settlers of the county, coming here when there were but three log-houses in New Castle, and buying a farm in the wilderness, where wild game was quite plentiful; it was a common sight to see

deer, and wolves and bear were still too frequent to be pleasant. The present comfortable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson at No. 203 East Long Avenue stands on a part of her grandfather's farm. Our subject's family consists of six children, who are as follows: Mary Olive, wife of Frank A. Crowe of West Newton; James Howard; Charles Reynolds; Almeda Pearl, the wife of Alvin C. Patterson of McKeesport, Pa.; Florence Emily; and Margaret Elizabeth. All of Mr. Thompson's family are members of the Epworth M. E. Church. Mr. Thompson is a stalwart Republican, and was a member of the city council for five years. As a veteran of the late war, he is a member of G. A. R. Post, No. 100, of New Castle, Pa.

migrated to America in the last years of the eighteenth century, and found a home in Philadelphia. He spent a few years there, and then came to North Beaver township, and located about four miles south of Mt. Jackson on the place where T. Swisher now makes his home. His experience was that of his fellow-pioneers—a hard but winning struggle to subdue the wild forests, and reclaim the good brown acres. He built a log-cabin and before much time had elapsed had one hundred acres under cultivation. His remaining years were spent on this homestead, where he died at the age of seventy-five; his wife also lived to about the same age. Their children were: William; John; Joseph; James, who died in youth; an infant, who also died young; Betsy; Polly; Peggy; and Nancy.

WILLIAM T. GILMORE, of the well-known firm of Burk & Gilmore, general merchants of Hillsville, Mahoning township, Lawrence Co., Pa., needs no introduction at our hands to the people of Western Pennsylvania. He has spent his busy life among the residents of that part of the State, and the talents and abilities, which he possesses, are known to all.

Mr. Gilmore was brought into this world Jan. 23, 1857, at the place where Joseph Gilmore now lives in North Beaver township. He was a son of David and Rachel (Dobbins) Gilmore, and his grandparents were William and Ann (Kennedy) Gilmore. The great-grandfather by name was Joseph Gilmore, a native of County Down, Ireland, and the husband of Nancy (Bois) Gilmore. Joseph Gilmore with his young wife im-

William Gilmore, the eldest son, was born in Philadelphia, and during his boyhood and early manhood followed his father's fortunes, and remained under the parental roof. When the family came into Mercer County, he also took up a tract of about one hundred acres of new land, which he proposed to transform in a few years into a well-cultivated, productive farm, such as might have been seen in the more settled portion of Eastern Pennsylvania. He cleared a portion of the property, but not liking the way it developed, he after some eight years traded it for a place in the same township, which is now known as the William Petrie farm. This tract consisted of one hundred acres, to which he not long after added one hundred more. Mr. Gilmore was always an energetic man, and alive to every chance that offered. When the canal was being built, he began butchering cattle and stock that

he raised on his farm, and delivered the meat to points along the route of the canal, thereby building up a large and exceedingly profitable business. Later on, he dealt heavily in cattle, horses, and other stock, finding a ready market in Pittsburg. He continued his active life until he was called to rejoin those who had preceded him; he lived to the age of eighty-five, and his wife filled out eighty-three years. Seven children made up their family: Joseph; James, deceased; John; Mary; David; Nancy; and Sarah, deceased. During his early life, Mr. Gilmore was a pronounced Whig, but later in life joined the Republican party. He was in religious affairs a liberal supporter and consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church.

David Gilmore, son of William and father of William T., our subject, entered upon life March 12, 1833. He was born on the home farm, and followed agricultural pursuits all his days. He purchased the fifty-acre farm that adjoined the homestead, and which is now owned by Joseph Dickinson, and on it built the necessary farm-buildings, and making many other marked improvements. This he sold in 1864, and bought the William Woods farm of one hundred acres, a place which he now owns. Here he erected a house and suitable barns and out-buildings, and proved himself by his exceptional success to be a model and progressive farmer. He wedded Rachel Dobbins, daughter of Easter Dobbins of Mahoning township, and reared a family of nine children, by name: Nancy, now the wife of S. Maybury; William T., our subject; Edwin, husband of Jessie (Cox) Gilmore; Elizabeth, who married J. C. Allen; Joseph, who took as his wife Mary Grandy; Davidson, who married C.

Hoffmaster; Harry, now at home; and Lee, a teacher, who also lives at home. In politics, Mr. Gilmore is true to the family traditions, and is prominently connected in the Republican organization of his section. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

William T. Gilmore was first a pupil in the district schools, and then took a finishing course in the New Castle Business College. He became familiar with the limestone and plaster business, and for fifteen years followed general contracting. He came to Hillsville in 1880, being brought there by a large amount of work in his line, and liking the village associated himself in 1890 with the Carbon Limestone Co. Three years later, Mr. Gilmore bought a half interest in the already established company, and the firm of Burk & Gilmore came into being, the senior member of the firm being Mr. E. M. Burk. They are now conducting the largest and at the same time the most flourishing general store in the township, or immediate vicinity. Since 1895, they have maintained a branch store of considerable importance at Bessemer.

Mr. Gilmore is a thorough business man in every sense of the word. A close and careful buyer, he sells on small margins, depending upon a great volume of trade for his profits. He has been steadily prospering in all his undertakings, and is the owner of a very fine residence and much other valuable property. Mr. Gilmore was united in marriage with Annie Martin, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Robinson) Martin. Thomas Martin was a native of Cumberland Co., Pa., but passed twenty-two years in agricultural pursuits in Mercer County. In 1861, he purchased the Johnson farm near Hillsville,



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which was and is still one of the best estates of the township. He erected the new buildings and made many very great improvements, which are much in evidence even at this time. He died in 1867, aged fifty-four years, while his wife lived to pass her eightieth birthday. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Martin were: John S., James R., Mary S., Cyrus L., Annie E., and Permelia J. Mr. Gilmore and his wife Annie are the parents of a fine family of children, who are named in order: Edwin; Frank; Bessie; Frederick; Erwin; Walter; Charles; and an infant William.

Mr. Gilmore can be aptly termed a man of affairs. A loyal Republican, he is often called upon by his fellow-townsmen to serve them in an official position, and give them the benefit of his admirable business methods. Of the highest integrity and marked adaptability, he faithfully performs every duty which falls to him. He is known as a successful man, and is esteemed accordingly. In church affairs, his lines are cast with the Baptist Church. In all matters he is a representative and valued citizen, and the community is fortunate in possessing so worthy a citizen.

W. EDWIN JACKSON, D. D. *S., of New Castle, although not among the oldest practitioners of dentistry in the city, having located there in 1889, easily ranks among the first in skill and general ability in the line of his profession; by careful, conscientious work he has built up a practice which we may safely say, with no fear of successful contradiction, to be the finest in the county. He is up-to-date in his methods, ex-

tracts teeth painlessly, does exceptionally good work in filling and crowning, and is recognized as an expert in the manufacture of sets of false teeth, and in bridge work. His early education was received in the common schools of Cadiz, Ohio, where his boyhood years were spent; after completing the general course of studies prescribed there, he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery of Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated in 1889. He at once located in New Castle, of which city he has been a resident and prominent professional man ever since.

Dr. Jackson was born in Mercer Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1865, and is a son of William P. and Susan (Strickler) Jackson, the former of Mercer County, and the latter a native of Connellsville, Pa. William Jackson, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, and followed that vocation until his death, which occurred when he was a young man. He reared four children: Rachel; Hugh M.; H. Ferguson; and William P. They were United Presbyterians in religious belief. Dr. Jackson's father was educated in Mercer County, and learned the millwright's trade when a young man, and has followed that trade ever since; mill-owners, when desiring excellent work, have never failed to be thoroughly satisfied with his work. He is a staunch Republican, but could never have the term of office-seeker applied to him. His wife, who died in 1896, aged fifty-six years, left him seven children, all of whom have attained prominent places in life; they are as follows: Charles, who married Emma Vinton of Findlay, Ohio, and has two children—Clyde, and an infant; W. Edwin, our subject; Marguerite, who married Dr. H. M. Greissing of Columbus, Ohio;

Harry F., a surgeon dentist of West Jefferson, Ohio; Minnie A.; Jennie B.; and Daisy.

In 1891 Dr. Jackson led to the altar Jessie Troutman of Sharon, Pa., daughter of Mrs. A. E. Troutman, and there mutual obligations of love were taken by each, and they were joined man and wife. Their only child, William F., was born March 30, 1893. They are Presbyterians in their religious belief. Dr. Jackson adheres strongly to the principles and political teachings of the Republican party.

The publishers of this Book of Biographies take great pleasure in presenting in connection with this narration of his life a portrait of Dr. Jackson, and we hold that he is entitled to a prominent place among Lawrence County citizens as the foremost dentist of the county.

GEORGE J. JONES, an employee in the repair shops of the Pennsylvania R. R. at Lawrence Junction, residing on West Pine Street, Mahoningtown, was born in the city of Pittsburgh, March 12, 1869. His parents were Joseph W. and Margaret (Theiken) Jones, and his grandparents were Presley N. and Mary (Coates) Jones, the latter a native of England. The father of Presley N. was of Quaker stock, his ancestors having come over with William Penn; he was familiarly known as "Old Tom" Jones. He came to Pittsburgh at a very early date, when the Indians had not left the country, and still terrified the settlers with their bloody depredations. "Old Tom" established a ferry between Pittsburgh and Allegheny City,

and the profits of this very successful and lucrative venture he invested in real estate on the south side, which in time became a valuable heritage to his descendants. His son, Presley N., was a man of magnificent size, and commanding presence, well-proportioned and possessed of very great bodily strength and energy; in his prime he weighed 380 pounds, but did not appear to be very stout. For many years, until bridges were built over the river connecting Allegheny City and Pittsburgh, he operated the ferry lines that his father had established, and accumulated a comfortable fortune. Two children were born to him: Presley, a prominent and able attorney, who was a leading counsel in the famous Kring case in St. Louis; and Joseph W., the father of our subject. Joseph W. was born near Pittsburgh, Aug. 1, 1846, and for a number of years was captain and pilot on the river steamers of the Hawling's line. His wife was born near Pittsburgh, and was a daughter of Michael and Margaret Theiken, the former a merchant of Pittsburgh.

George J. Jones was the third in a family of seven children born to his parents. He passed the years of early manhood in Pittsburgh, and completed his education at the age of sixteen in the Peebles School in the Twenty-third Ward. Desiring to give the boy a good start in life by providing him with a trade, his father apprenticed him to a boiler-maker in Pittsburgh, with whom he remained four years. The two succeeding years were passed in railroading, being employed as a brakeman on the passenger train that ran between Pittsburgh and Wheeling, West Virginia, on the B. & O. R. R. In the summer of 1889, he gave up his job as brakeman, and

accepted a situation in the boiler works of Thomas Morrison of Washington, Pa., where he worked until December, 1891, coming to Mahoningtown on the 20th of that month, and commencing work for the Pennsylvania R. R., as a trusted employee of the repair shops, located at Lawrence Junction. He is a trained mechanic, and skilled in all that pertains to his trade; his services, consequently, do not go begging, but command a good price, which he has never failed to obtain. He is young still, and with the many years that seemingly are promised to him, it will be no surprise to his friends to see him rise to the highest positions that are open to a wide-awake, ingenious man, whose knowledge of machinery is so exact and intimate.

He forsook the state of "single blessedness" for happy married life on Oct. 29, 1889, in Washington, Pa., on which date he was married to Addie J. Martin, the fifth child in a family of six born to Benjamin F. and Julia (Zedeker) Martin, the latter a daughter of Louis and Harriet Zedeker; Benjamin F. Martin, who was a son of Joshua Martin, a millwright, who lived in Martinsburg, was a carpenter by trade, but also followed the pursuits of farming. Kenneth Wray and Percy Martin are the names of their two manly sons. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is bringing up the children in the faith of that church. In his political views, Mr. Jones is a Republican of deepest dye. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Co.'s Relief Association. He belongs to the two following secret orders: Amazon Lodge, No. 336, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown; and Improved Order of Heptesoph, Zingooqua Conclave, No. 164, of Washington, Pa.

JOHN WINTERS, a respected citizen of Union township, who carries on a general teaming business chiefly in the city of New Castle, was born in Katrusville, Md., Sept. 17, 1850, and is a son of Christian and Margaret (Hoffman) Winters. Christian Winters was born in Hazen, Germany, in 1818, and came to America in 1844, settling in Katrusville, Md., where he bought a small farm, and engaged in agricultural pursuits for some eight years. He then came to New Castle and worked in the gas-house; and later in 1859 he bought the Col. O'Brien farm, which the heirs still own, where he lived and labored until he passed away to better abodes in 1876. His wife, who is still living, was a daughter of George and Marguerite (Ancer) Hoffman, and was born in Beria, Germany, in 1844. Her father, mother and the remaining members of the family came to America, and settled in Baltimore, Md., where the father died at the age of seventy-one years; he was a carpenter and millwright by trade, and in the prime of his life did extensive contracting. His wife, who only lived to be fifty-two, bore him three children: Margaret, our subject's mother; Elizabeth; and Henry. There were born to Christian Winters and his excellent wife the following children: George, a resident of New Castle; John, our subject; Henry, who lives on the homestead; William of Harlansburg; Elizabeth (Flynn); and Mary Trushel.

At the age of seventeen years, John Winters learned the plastering trade and followed it until he was married at the age of twenty to Miss Mary C. Cameron, daughter of James Cameron of Union township, Lawrence Co., Pa. Immediately after that auspicious event, realizing his

need of a permanent home, he added to the acre of land given him by his father by purchasing another acre from his brother, and on the resulting tract of two acres he built a house, and has since made the place his home, following general teaming for a livelihood. Mr. Winters has gathered about him a family of seven children: James C. of New Castle; Maggie E., who married C. Patterson; Molly E.; John C. and Nanny J., twins; Clara; and Eddie W. Mr. Winters is a Democrat in politics, heartily believing in the principles of that organization. He and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church, and take an active interest in all matters that are calculated to advance the interests of the community in which they live.

JAMES M. LAWRENCE, of rugged New England stock, but now one of the foremost men of the number who have made Lawrence County famous for its fine farms and excellent agricultural products, has lived in Plain Grove township for the fifty-six years past. He is a man who has seen the Nation rise exhausted from a victorious battlefield, on which our present liberties were won, and with a renewal of vigor start in on a fresh struggle with the forces of nature, a struggle which to-day is proven successful by the happy lives of eighty millions of people.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Alstead, N. H., April 16, 1806. His paternal grandfather was a native born Englishman, and by calling, a Congregational minister. He followed this service

all the days of his life, and did a world of good among the hardy sons of the Granite State, where he made his home. Joseph Lawrence, the father of James M. Lawrence, our subject, was born at Alstead, and obtained his training for the battles of life in the schools of that section. He was united in marriage with Lois Mann, and was busied all the active part of his life in tilling the soil, not an easy task on the rocky hills of his native State. Nevertheless, he was prospered, for he left behind him a record for well-doing and good management that made the name of Lawrence respected far and wide in the eastern home. Three children made up the family. They were: Franklin; Lucinda; and James M., our subject. Lucinda, the daughter, became the wife of Dr. Stein of Grove City, and they have three children—Josephine, Mary and Laura. The family of Joseph Lawrence were, naturally enough, brought up to reverence the teachings of the Congregational Church, and observe its rules of Christian living.

James M. Lawrence, after pursuing a thorough course in the common schools, himself became a teacher, and taught school twenty-two quarters or terms. He followed this calling for about three years until 1838, when he came into Pennsylvania. After a three years' residence in the Keystone State, he bought a farm in Plain Grove, Mercer County, a part which was later set off and is now included in Lawrence County. He owned this place for a number of seasons, then sold it, and purchased another, on which he now lives. This estate was then in great part wild land and very little cultivated. Through his efforts he cleared the land lot by lot and as time passed brought his fields into a most excellent

state of cultivation. The farm is adapted to almost any branch of farming, though perhaps it is at its best when devoted to stock and grain raising. Mr. Lawrence is known everywhere as a farmer of the best type, knowing just how to rightly handle every separate acre of his domain. He is far above the ordinary in the matter of intelligence and all around ability; consequently, he is a man whose individuality and force of character have long been felt. Politically, he is a Republican of the more conservative school, and a man whose advice the younger spirits of the party are wont to heed. He has filled the office of county commissioner for three years, and for thirty-six years has satisfactorily discharged the duties of justice of the peace. With many other useful acquisitions, he understands surveying, and it is very close guessing to say that he has probably done more surveying than any other man in Lawrence County.

In 1844, Mr. Lawrence was married to Sarah Chandler of Windhall, Vt., and to them three children were born: Asher; Carl; and Abigail, deceased. Asher Lawrence took for his wife Emma Frances of Crawford Co., Pa.; they now live in the State of Missouri and have three children—James F., Betty B., and Rena. Carl Lawrence married Mary Barber of North Liberty, and they have a family that consists of Charles W., Sadie C., James S., John H., Harry H., Ernest B., Frank E., Raymond, and Mary. Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, the first wife of our subject, passed from this world in 1874 at the age of sixty-seven. Mr. Lawrence entered into a second union with Margaret Chandler in 1877; she was a daughter of Samuel T. and Mary A. (Dennison) Chandler of Slippery Rock. Four

children have resulted from this union, as follows: Hiram C.; Harriet A.; Ora M.; and George E. Mr. Lawrence has reared his family beneath the shadow of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lawrence his life long has been a man who knew about many interests besides that of his chosen vocation. He cared for an extensive iron business which was at one time conducted in the vicinity of Princeton, Slippery Rock township, at a place called Rose Point, and has at one time and another been engaged in various industries, which have tended toward the development of this section. He has always been wide-awake to the resources of the country, and has always been active in their development. He also served as civil engineer on public works for two and a half years.

JAMES R. DOUGHERTY of Mahoningtown is a conductor on the P. & W. R. R. He was born at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., Aug. 8, 1849, and is a son of James and Ann B. (Richards) Dougherty.

Our subject's father was born at Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1822, and departed this life for a better world July 14, 1891. He was a manufacturing cooper, and employed from eight to ten men most of the time. He was a drum-major of the 54th Reg. of Pennsylvania Militia, and when the war broke out he enlisted in the 11th Reg. Pa. Reserve, serving in the regimental band, and seeing service in the Wilderness Campaign. After the war was over, and the greatest army of modern times had been mustered out, and

the soldiery returned to occupations of peace, Mr. Dougherty opened up a restaurant in Saltsburg, and ran it until a short time previous to his death, when he moved to Hulton, and was engaged in farming near Logan's Eddy on the Allegheny River, when his last sickness compelled him to cease from work, and to prepare to leave this life. His wife was born in Blairsville, Pa., a daughter of Abraham and Polly (Banks) Richards; the latter was born June 13, 1825, died Sept. 23, 1893, and was a daughter of Joshua Banks. Abraham Richards was a tinner by trade, and followed that vocation at Elder's Ridge, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died at the age of sixty-eight. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics, he favored the Republican party, and took a lively interest in local affairs, serving as supervisor of his township.

From the time he was two years old until he was twenty, our subject lived at home with his parents at Saltsburg; he commenced to work in his father's cooper-shop at an early age, and continued until he was eighteen years of age, when he was employed in the woods about a saw-mill for two years. He then traveled with a circus for a year, and after returning home and marrying, began his railroad life as a brakeman on the Allegheny Valley R. R.; he continued to act in that capacity for two years, after which he was a conductor for the same road until 1877. In that year he entered the service of the B. & O. R. R., and was a conductor for four years. Upon leaving the employ of the B. & O., he became connected with the P. & W. R. R., and came to Mahoning in 1891 from Allegheny City, where he had been working, to accept the

position of yardmaster at New Castle Junction. Since April 1, 1896, he has been a regular conductor of the P. & W. R. R.

He was married Aug. 29, 1871, in Saltsburg, to Ellen Welch, daughter of Patrick and Mary (McGraw) Welch, and to them have been given nine children: Harry P.; James B., who married Miss Perdue of New Castle; Charles T.; Mary Maude; Lennie; Addie; Tillie; Dall; and Ella. The family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dougherty has been a life-long Republican. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, New Castle Division, No. 326.

GEORGE G. WEINSCHENK. This gentleman for the last quarter of a century has been successfully carrying on the business of a gardener in Shenango township, just on the southern suburbs of the city of New Castle, and on the land which constitutes his homestead, where he located and established his business in 1873. The home garden comprises twenty-four acres in the highest state of cultivation, with over half an acre under glass; fruit and vegetables are Mr. Weinschenk's specialties, although his love for flowers leads him to grow large quantities of them, which are, however, for home use only. Besides the homestead he owns other tracts of land in different places throughout the county. He is an expert in his line of business, having learned the trade of a gardener in Germany when a young man, and having practiced it at various places ever since.



PATRICK J. SCANLON.

Mr. Weinschenk was born in Geradstetten, Wurtemberg, Germany, March 10, 1835, and was a son of John G. and Katherine (Retter) Weinschenk; John G. was born in 1804, and died about sixty years of age; John G.'s father was killed in his vineyard when John was about four years old. Our subject received his education in the splendid educational institutions of Germany between the ages of six and fourteen. When fifteen years of age, he went from home to earn his own living, and has made his own way since. He learned gardening thoroughly, and when twenty-two years old came to American, where he found abundant chances to work at his vocation. He set sail from Havre, France, in May, 1857, and after a voyage of 35 days landed at New York City, from which place he came at once to New Castle, where he arrived June 22, 1857. Almost immediately he secured work with Mr. Butz at Croton, who was then the leading gardener of New Castle, and was in his employ two years, after which he worked for Mr. Peebles for a time. Mr. Weinschenk then went South, and for several seasons had charge of private gardens in and about the city of Louisville, Ky. At the close of the war, work in that locality ceased to be profitable, and so he returned to Lawrence County in 1865, and worked for Mr. Butz again for nearly a year, and then rented a tract of land in Taylor township, where he conducted gardening operations some eight years, and then bought his present farm in 1873, taking possession the following year.

Mr. Weinschenk was first married in Pittsburg to Margaret Mack, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Specht) Mack, and to them were born

four children: Annie M., the wife of Charles F. Albourn, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work; Alice; Margaret, deceased; and William H., also interested in gardening in Shenango township, and whose life history may be found on another page. Our subject was again married Aug. 12, 1875, to Catherine Sechler, who was born at Harmony, Butler County, a daughter of John and Fannie (Tinstman) Sechler, the latter a daughter of Abraham and Katherine (Moyer) Tinstman. John Sechler was a son of Abraham Sechler. Eight children, four boys and four girls, were the fruit of this second union, as follows: George, deceased; Emmanuel; Frederick, deceased; Rosa; Samuel; Katherine; Sarah; and Ruth. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Weinschenk has never allied himself with any political party, but votes according to the dictates of his own conscience. He was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F.

PATRICK J. SCANLON. This gentleman, of whose life we now propose to give a few salient facts, interesting alike to his many friends and neighbors in Mahoningtown, his present residence, and to many throughout the county, is a wealthy contractor, whose fortune has been accumulated through his work in grading and paving. He is a splendid example of what a man may do by his own efforts, when he has the brains and energy to improve his opportunities. He was born at Bally Lane, County Kerry, Ireland, Feb. 19, 1845. He remained on the "ould

sod" until his eighteenth year, and attended the parish schools. On April 4, 1863, he sailed for America, which has ever seemed the land of promise and plenty to the down-trodden inhabitants of the Emerald Isle, and landed in New York City, after a singularly long and distressing journey of thirteen weeks and four days; they encountered at sea a severe storm with heavy head-winds and icebergs, that protracted the voyage to such an extent, that the provisions, except by the most careful husbanding, would have never lasted them till they reached port, and as it was, for the last four days the daily allowance was four crackers to each person. After landing, Mr. Scanlon found work in Brooklyn with a plumber, with whom he worked a short time, and then found employment on a farm at Somerville, N. Y. We next find him laboring on the docks, where he received \$15 a week, and where he remained very nearly three months. From this he went to work in a coffee-mill in Brooklyn. He came to Pennsylvania in November of 1863, and worked first on a gravel train at East Liberty, was next in the employ of an oil company, and then became a resident of Shadyside, at which time he had \$200 saved, not a very bad record for only about a year in this country. Going to Pittsburg, he worked as shipping clerk in a wholesale store for six months, and then turned his hand to gardening in the employ of Thomas Aiken and Robert Pitcairn. In 1867 he began contracting in earth work, grading, etc., in the main for railroads, although his enterprise has led him to extend his operations into many other fields of labor. For the Pennsylvania R. R., he graded from the Union depot in Pittsburg to Raub Station, from

East Liberty to Homewood, one mile at Greensburg, one mile at Latrobe, one mile at Derry, one mile at Conemaugh, and one mile at Wilmore Station. He also graded and paved one and one-fourth miles on Forbes Street, Pittsburg, and in 1895 graded and paved three streets in New Castle, and three more the following year. He now owns two valuable sand and gravel banks, a brick yard, a stone quarry, and a coal yard. As an illustration of what phenomenal success was his, we offer this true statement: when he came to America in 1863, he was without capital, but in 1869 and 1870, he had \$187,000 in the bank, and \$40,000 invested in real estate; few men can produce a record equal to this. Since living in Mahoningtown, he has served three years as street commissioner, and three years as a member of the borough council.

Mr. Scanlon's father was Daniel Scanlon, who was born in Bally Lane, Ireland, where he followed farming; his death took place there in 1896, when he was aged eighty-seven years; his wife did not long survive the shock of his death, but passed away three months after at the age of eighty-five years. Daniel Scanlon was a son of Daniel Scanlon, Sr., who married Margaret Moriarity. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Eleanor O'Shangasy, was born in parish Glenn, County Limerick, Ireland, and was a daughter of John and Mary (O'Connor) O'Shangasy.

Patrick J. Scanlon was married in SS. Peter and Paul's Church in East Lebanon, by Rev. Father J. M. Bearel, to Honora Scanlon, daughter of Edward and Mary (Barrett) Scanlon, both natives of Ireland. This happy union has resulted in ten children, as follows: Ella M., the

wife of James Eagen of Youngstown, Ohio; Edward P.; Daniel; Mary, deceased; Marguerite; John, deceased; Michael; Patrick; Eugene; and Mary. The entire family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church of New Castle. In politics, Mr. Scanlon is a member of the unterrified Democracy. Socially, he is a prominent member of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and the Emeralds.

Mr. Scanlon is one of the best examples of a self-made man that we have had the opportunity of mentioning in the columns of this work, and it is with a feeling akin to satisfaction and pleasure that we present his portrait on a preceding page.

JAMES CAMPBELL, a retired farmer of North Beaver township, whose efforts through life have been crowned with success, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., Dec. 14, 1823. He was a son of James and Mary (Cunningham) Campbell, and grandson of Robert and Esther (Patterson) Campbell, both of whom were born in County Down, Ireland.

Robert Campbell, the grandsire, a man of education and refinement, was a teacher of high and scholarly attainments, and in addition understood the trade of a weaver. Coming to America, his only daughter died at sea, but his son, James, the father of our subject, remained to him. After his arrival in this country, Robert Campbell spent some little time in looking about for a favorable place in which to make his

permanent abiding-place, and finally purchased 400 acres of land in Ross and Pine townships, Allegheny County. He made his home on the portion of the property that was in Ross township, and for many years successfully followed teaching, weaving and farming, becoming a leading spirit of that growing section. He died when four score years of age, leaving all of his accumulated property to his only son, James Campbell, Sr., father of the present James Campbell.

James Campbell, Sr., was early married to Miss Mary Cunningham, daughter of a well and favorably known family, and seven children sprang from this union: Robert; John; James; Hugh; Abram; Samuel; and Nancy; all of whom grew to noble manhood and womanhood. James Campbell, Sr., lived to the age of seventy-two, and his beloved wife was permitted to behold sixty-nine summers of mortal earth. The father of the subject of this article was a vigorous, stirring man in the community, respected and liked by all. He was a Whig and afterwards a Republican of earnest convictions, being relied on by his fellow party-members for sound advice. Besides being a kind parent, he was a firm Christian, and a leading member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

James Campbell, the son, was reared and educated in his native township, receiving all the advantages possible in the newly settled country. He inherited a share of the paternal estate, amounting to 112 acres, and thereon erected a new house and barns, and followed general farming until 1869, when he sold his place, and removed to North Beaver township, where he bought the Dr. Smith farm of 204 acres. This

tract of land was and is now one of the choicest pieces of farming property in the county. Since he became the proprietor of the estate, Mr. Campbell has made many marked improvements, permanent in their character. He remodeled the house at a great expense, built a handsome large barn 64x44, with basement and every convenience, and set acres of ground with the finest varieties of orchard fruits. An up-to-date dairy has always been a feature of Mr. Campbell's estate, and no finer stock grazes on the hills of the county than can be found in his pastures.

When a young man, Mr. Campbell linked his fortunes with those of Eliza Ellen Dodds, daughter of Robert Dodds of Allegheny Co., Pa.; she bore him five children, namely: John, who married Ella Duff, and lives on the homestead, assisting his father in its proper care; Harvey James, who wedded Ella Paden, and is the father of two bright children—Edna and Ralph; he has built a fine set of buildings on the homestead and follows farming as a pursuit; Evada B., Sarah M. and Lulu all died young. James Campbell, his whole life through, has been a worthy successor of an excellent ancestry. The influence of the Campbell family has always been felt in shaping the affairs of the commonwealth for the best. The affairs of the day, whether private or public, awaken in him the same lively interest as of yore. He has been a sincere Republican since the formation of the party, and may be always found in the front ranks, championing the cause which he believes and knows to be right. He is a Christian gentleman, and a devoted member of the Westfield Presbyterian Church of Mt. Jackson. He has

seen the land, chosen of his fathers, develop, prosper, and wax great. Even in times of trouble, when the nation's future was overcast with great ominous clouds of rebellion, Mr. Campbell's stock of sturdy Americanism, inherited from those who builded and builded well, never failed him, and he stands to-day a type of what a loyal, honorable and upright man should be.

ROBERT WALLACE. Lawrence County has a well-established reputation for her manufactures and also for her food-products, especially fine fruits, and so, in giving the lives of the representative men of the county, we should be loath to omit the name of the well-known gentleman which heads this sketch, for he takes a foremost place among the progressive and practical fruit-growers and farmers of the county. He is no stranger to most of our readers, for his whole life has been spent in Lawrence County, where his ancestors for many generations back made their homes; it is thus with added interest as the life of a descendant of early pioneers of the county will this sketch of an eminent citizen appeal to whomsoever takes up this book and glances over its pages. Mr. Wallace was born in Scott township, Lawrence County, July 2, 1837, and is a son of William R. and Isabella (McCracken) Wallace, grandson of Robert and Elizabeth (Reeder) Wallace, and great-grandson of John and Mary (Alexander) Wallace. John Wallace was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and was a son of Robert and Mary (Knox) Wallace of the same district. Robert died there,

and his wife and four sons, James, John, Robert, and Samuel, came to America before the Revolutionary War. John, with ready sympathy for the oppressed colonists of the new land, and fellow-citizens, took part in the war, and was present at several important engagements. He married early in life and settled in Washington County, but at a later period came to Union township, this county, and bought land which he left to his sons at his death. His son, Robert, when thirteen years of age went into Scott township, and took a tract of land, on which he felled the trees and set up a structure of logs for a shelter and a dwelling-place; to that home he brought his bride and there reared his family; late in life, however, he moved back to Union township, and lived on a part of the land which his father had owned, dying at the age of sixty-five, being survived by his wife, who attained the age of ninety-seven. He served as a major in the War of 1812 at Fort Erie. In his religious views he was strongly inclined toward Presbyterianism. His family was composed of the following children: Mary; Harriet; William R.; Elizabeth; Sarah; Robert; and Jane.

William R. Wallace, our subject's father, succeeded his parent on the Scott township farm, but spent his last years in Union township, departing this life there at the age of eighty-four. He followed general farming all his days, and his untiring efforts were invariably crowned with success, enabling him to keep his family in comfort and to provide them with all they needed to enjoy life after a proper, sedate fashion. He was a Whig and then a Republican in his political views, and took a prominent part in the local politics of the community in which he lived; he

was a justice of the peace for many years, filled the office of county commissioner with rare discretion and judgment, and served in the State militia as colonel. His wife, although bowed down with the weight of eighty-four years, is bright and active, and makes her home at the homestead. She is the mother of the following children: Robert; Jacob; William; John; George; and Mary E.

Robert Wallace continued to live under the shelter of the parental roof, assisting his father in his agricultural labors, until his marriage, Nov. 2, 1859, to Sarah Young, daughter of David and Jane (McGuffey) Young. David Young was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., and was a son of William and Mary (Elder) Young, and grandson of John and Mary (White) Young, who were of Scotch descent. David Young when seventeen years old came to Union township, and settled on the farm, now owned by Mr. Wallace, taking up 186 acres, and building a log-house in which to live while clearing the farm. His father had previously settled where the Thomas Young farm is now, and died there. In 1852 David Young built the brick house still standing and used as a residence by Mr. Wallace; it was built in the old colonial style with four large chimneys. On this farm Mr. Young passed away at the age of eighty-four; his wife lived to be only fifty-two years old. Their children were: Mary; Elizabeth; Hannah; Amanda; and Sarah. Mr. Young's wife had one child by her first marriage with Joseph Stewart—Anna J. After his marriage, Mr. Wallace continued to live on the old homestead until 1870, when he bought the farm he now owns and operates, which had been the old Young home-

stead, but had changed hands after David Young's decease. On this farm he has lived since, making many improvements that reflect credit on his good judgment and progressiveness; he built a handsome three-story barn 40x66 and a carriage house, which, with the substantial brick house built by the first owner, make a set of farm buildings in which nothing more can be desired. He has twenty acres of fruit orchards, planted to standard varieties of apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, etc., raising as high as 1,300 bushels of peaches of the best varieties in one year. He also has a fine dairy, in which he takes considerable pride. Besides the Young homestead on which he lives, he owns his father's old homestead, which has not been suffered to fall into disuse but claims an equal share of his attention and is kept in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Wallace in his political views is a Populist, and is pronounced and decided in his opinions, which are the result of extended study and deep research. He is very popular among his fellow-citizens, and although no office-seeker he has been a school director for twenty-five years. All the family are members of the Presbyterian Church. The following children have been born to him and his excellent wife: Jennie, who married N. A. Offutt, and has one child, Eva Belle; William R., who died when one year old; Isabella, a teacher; David, who married Alcega Morrison and lives on the old Wallace homestead; William W., a teacher by profession, a graduate of the New Castle Business College, but now assisting his father on the farm; Lizzie G., a teacher; Robert B., who died in his youth; and Frank H., a musician.

SAMUEL P. EMERY, the subject of this short biography, is one of New Castle's prominent young attorneys; his office is located at Room 7, Pearson Building, where he devotes the greater part of his working hours to the preparation of his cases before the court, to consultations with his numerous body of clients, and to the conducting of a general law business. He is a son of William S. Emery, and grandson of David Emery, who was born in 1800. Our subject's grandfather was one of the early settlers of the town of New Castle, and followed the trade of a blacksmith until he was chosen the first sheriff of Lawrence County, upon the county's organization in 1849. After serving his term as sheriff, he became interested in railroad building, and was engaged in railroad contracting until the war broke out, when he was appointed postmaster of New Castle, holding that position during the war. The latter part of his life was spent in easy retirement, his death occurring in 1882. His life companion was Sarah Jack, a native of Butler Co., Pa.; she lived to be eighty-two years of age. Six children made up the family, as follows: Benjamin; J. Reed; William S.; Mary A. (Kiefer); Isophena (Nessle); and Samuel.

William S. Emery, the father of Samuel P., was born in New Castle in 1836, and was reared to manhood and educated in his native town. During the period in which his father was postmaster, William S. served as assistant. In 1868, he and his brother J. Reed Emery became associated in the grocery business, and the partnership continued unbroken until 1873; he was located at the Old Stone Corner. He married Margaret C. Curry, a daughter of Samuel Curry



JOSEPH BURNLEY HARDAKER.

of Butler County, and upon his death in 1890 was survived by her and his only child, Samuel P. Emery, the subject of our sketch. Mr. Emery was a strong Republican, served in the common council of the city, and was known as an indefatigable and faithful party-worker.

Our subject was born in the city of New Castle, Sept. 30, 1864, received his common school education in the grammar schools of New Castle, and was advanced at Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pa., graduating in the class of 1887. He studied law in the office of Dana & Long of New Castle, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1889. He immediately opened a law office in New Castle, and is still actively engaged in the duties of his profession. In 1890 he was elected a member of the council from the Fourth Ward, and was chosen chairman of the council by his colleagues. He remained a member of the council twenty-one months, and then resigned to accept the office of district attorney, which he held for a term of three years.



JOSEPH BURNLEY HARDAKER, whose portrait we publish on the opposite page, for many years an honored and highly respected citizen of this county, was born in Yorkshire, England, nine miles from the city of Leeds, Feb. 4, 1815. He departed this life at his residence at No. 35 Croton Avenue, New Castle, April 14, 1897. He died suddenly of apoplexy, and, although he was eighty-two years of age at his decease, he carried his years well, and was active and vigorous up to the day of his death.

Before his retirement from active business pursuits he was well-known in mercantile circles as a substantial citizen, whose industry, strict integrity, pleasant manners, and honorable character entitled him to a high place in the esteem of the community.

His father, Richard Hardaker, was a skilled mechanic in the manufacture of machinery in his native country of England, where he lived until his death. Our subject's mother, Sarah (Burnley) Hardaker, died only eight days after Joseph B. was born, and she surrendered him to the care of her father, Joseph Burnley, who reared him, and with him, in 1832, came to America in the ship *General Williams*, sailing on the 1st of August, and arriving at New York on Sept. 10, 1832. They settled in Erie, Erie Co., Pa., but later removed to East Brook in this county, and there our subject's grandfather became interested in the manufacture of woolen fabrics, having been a manufacturer in that line, when a resident of England. He lived to be eighty-eight years old.

Joseph B. Hardaker early in life entered into mercantile business, being located at East Brook fourteen years, and then sixteen years in New Castle; after this he was engaged for nine years in the banking business, and the last fifteen years of his life were spent in retirement. He acquired an enviable reputation as an upright, conscientious and obliging merchant, and with this reputation also accumulated a comfortable fortune. He was vice-president of the First National Bank of New Castle for nine years until 1880, when feeling that he would like to retire from business and enjoy the years remaining to him, he closed out all those busi-

ness interests that required his constant personal attention, and took an extended tour through Great Britain, visiting especially his native home Eccleshill, which from a small village, as he left it to come to the New World, had grown to a large and prosperous town, being altered almost beyond his recognition. The following year, in company with his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Hardaker, he made another visit to Great Britain, spending eight months abroad. After this tour he returned to New Castle, where he was very highly respected and where he enjoyed the comforts of a pleasant home, and the rest which he had so fully earned by a long and active business life. In his later years he managed with great care and good judgment the means and property he had accumulated in business. He was naturally of a social and friendly disposition and greatly enjoyed the company and conversation of his neighbors and acquaintances.

Mr. Hardaker married Miss Frances Glover, daughter of James Glover, who came from England to America in the same ship as our subject. Mrs. Hardaker died in February, 1859. Several years afterward Mr. Hardaker was joined in marriage with his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Thomas Robinson of Erie, Pa., who survives him and still resides in New Castle. Mrs. Hardaker is of English descent. She is a genial, pleasant lady and has acquired a large circle of friends in the county.

In church affairs she is a Methodist and takes great interest in church work. She has broad and liberal views toward other denominations and any deserving charity will find in her a friend.

JOSEPH T. WALTER has for many years held an enviable position among the first farmers of Mahoning township, and indeed of Lawrence County. The high repute in which he is held comes not only from his being the worthy son of good ancestors, but also from the admirable manner in which he has been living out his pre-eminently useful and busy life.

Mr. Walter is a grandson of Anthony Walter, who years ago was one of the first mill-owners of Western Pennsylvania, owning and operating mills first at Turtle Creek, Allegheny County, and later at a point in Columbiana County, Ohio. Anthony Walter followed the milling business for many years with success. Finally, desiring to change his occupation, he sold his mill interests, moved to Crawford County, Ohio, and bought a good farm, which he thereafter cultivated. He had in youth married a Miss Hawks, and they both lived to an advanced age, following peaceful agricultural pursuits. Their children were: Conrad, William, John, Anthony, Joseph, Daniel, Elizabeth, Sarah, Susan, Jacob, David and George.

William, the second son and the father of our subject, was born in Westmoreland County, and when still a lad had learned the milling business; after working at his trade at home for some years, he went to Lowell, Ohio, where he found a good position in his line of work. Saving money by exercising good judgment and rigid economy in his business affairs, he purchased with his savings in 1833 the Angel mills and a farm in Mahoning township, both of which he continued to hold and operate until his retirement from active pursuits in 1856. He died at Boardman, Ohio, at the age of seventy-nine.

His wife, whom he had married years before, and who before her marriage was known as Miss Elizabeth Boggs Simpson, was a native of Kentucky; she reached the age of sixty-four and bore to her husband five children, named: Lewis I.; John W.; Joseph T.; William F.; and Caroline S.

Our subject, true to the inclination of his race, in boyhood learned to turn the golden grain into life-giving flour, and became a master of all the intricate details and the small points of the craft, which are often so necessary for success. Of a studious turn, he had at the same time assimilated a goodly amount of book knowledge, so that at nineteen years of age, he not only was competent for assuming control of and running well any flouring mill in the land, but was also qualified to manage an educational mill. This he did, and for seven years was a most competent and successful teacher, his school experience taking him into many of the then far-Western States and Territories. Loving the State of his nativity, and having prospered in his work, he purchased, in 1865, the William Stanley farm in Mahoning township, the place where he now resides. This farm of eighty-four acres was only in fair shape, when he bought it, but since he came into possession new barns and a house have sprung up, acres of orchards and lines of shade trees have been set out, and a large amount of tiling has been put in where needed for under-draining the land. Mr. Walter's ideas are nothing if not progressive, and he seems to be continually improving his surroundings, and bringing his property into a finished state of perfection. It is no more than fair to say that he has to-day one of the best

farms to be seen in a section of country which is everywhere noted for the excellence of its agricultural resources. Mr. Walter has a fine dairy, and is also a stockholder in the Creamery Association. He has a keen eye for a good horse, and has raised many of them, which command a good price because of their training and bringing-up; he invariably has a fine team or two at his command.

Mr. Walter was born in Mahoning township near the western line of Lawrence County, and also of the State, March 17, 1833. He was married to Agnes J. Welsh, daughter of John B. and Martha (Erwin) Welsh. John B. Welsh was born in Bedford Co., Pa., Feb. 19, 1800, and was a son of James C. Welsh, who came as a pioneer into that part of the State in 1794, and took up four hundred acres of land. The elder Welsh suffered all the privations that fall to the lot of the early settler, living for weeks at a time in the open air, or in a covered wagon. He settled on his tract of land, built a log-cabin, and lived a happy life, which extended until May 21, 1810, his death resulting from a cold contracted from exposure, while going to a distant market in the dead of winter. The home was on the place, now owned by William A. Welsh, which adjoins the farm of the subject of this sketch. The wife of the old pioneer was Agnes, a descendant of Lieut. James W. McLean of Revolutionary renown. She died April 18, 1855, at the age of ninety-five. The children were: John B., Benjamin, William and Eliza.

John B. Welsh, the father-in-law of Mr. Walter, took charge of the home farm at his father's death, and ably assisted his mother in caring for the place and in raising the other juvenile mem-

bers of the family. He finally came into the possession of the estate, and in 1862 erected a fine brick house. On June 10, 1834, he married Martha Ewing, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ewing, and their children were: Agnes, Margaret, James A., Samuel, Eliza J., and William A.

To Joseph T. Walter and his wife Agnes have been given ten children: Ernest J., now a carpenter in Youngstown, Ohio, was married first to Anna Van Valkenburg, now deceased, who made him the parent of two children—Georgie G. and Myrtie; his present wife, a Miss Tirza White, has borne him one child—Kenneth; George W., a farmer of the State of Missouri, married Miss Mamie Mungrave, and they have had three children, two of whom, Joseph A., and an infant, are now living; John S. is a farmer in the State of Washington; Guy T., a lawyer of New York City, married Miss Delia Smith; Samuel F., a farmer at Hazelton, Pa., is the husband of Pearl Roup, and the father of two innocent little daughters—Agnes and Ruth; Eliza A.; Ivanette and Rolla D. came in order named, and live at home. A son and daughter each died in infancy.

Our subject, as this history shows, comes from a family that has had much to do in the building up of the Keystone State, and he married into a family no less distinguished. His early attainments in the school of travel and experience have been more than those of the ordinary man, and he has in the course of his life been thrown in close contract with many phases of life and with many kinds of men. This has so developed his judgment and understanding, that he wields a

large amount of influence wherever he is known. In politics, his fortunes were early cast with the Democratic party, of which he has always been a faithful and reliable member. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Grand Lodge, having filled chairs in both. Several offices to which he has been elected by the suffrage of his fellow-townsmen testify to his popularity. He is that stamp of a man and a citizen, who, wherever their lines may fall, are ever a positive force, making toward good government and stability. Before he reaches the allotted three score and ten, the twentieth century will have dawned, and his hundreds of friends, who have come to love and respect him, hope that his life will be spared them many years after he has rounded that honorable mark.

SETH R. KING, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania R. R., residing at Mahoningtown, was born in Erie, Pa., June 21, 1855, and is a son of James L. and Laura (Bliss) King; the latter was born in the town of North East, Pa., a daughter of John Bliss, who was a resident of that place. James L. King was born in Venango County in November, 1822, and is now residing in Erie, Pa., where he is employed in the shops of the E. & P. R. R. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, although for four or five generations back the ancestors have been citizens of the United States. He is a staunch Republican in politics.

Seth R. King was brought up in Erie, Pa., where he attended the schools until he was four-

teen years of age, when he commenced work in the service of the E. & P. R. R., in the capacity of fireman. After three years as a fireman, though only a boy in years, being but seventeen years of age, he became an engineer, at which time he was employed on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R. R. He came to Mahoningtown April 4, 1884, and after a period as fireman on the Pennsylvania R. R., he became an engineer, and has continued in that capacity, giving the best of satisfaction, and performing all his duties in a manner very creditable to himself.

He was married in Chicago, Ill., March 2, 1892, to Bertha E. Rose, a native of Geneva, Ohio, and a daughter of Milton F. and Jennie Rose. Mr. Rose was a soldier in the late war, is a contractor by occupation, and has taken Masonic orders. Mr. and Mrs. King are faithful attendants of the M. E. Church. Mr. King is steadfast in his allegiance to the Republican party, and uniformly supports it whenever it is possible for him to get to the polls. He is a loyal member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Erie Division, No. 298.

WILLIAM C. CHAMBERS, ex-postmaster and a leading grocer of Mt. Jackson, North Beaver township, was born in the same township in which he now makes his residence March 20, 1841, and is a son of John H. and Mary (Davidson) Chambers, and grandson of William and Mary (Hazlett) Chambers. Our subject's grandparents were both born, brought up and married in County Down, Ireland; they came to Amer-

ica to seek a new home and better their fortunes in 1812, and settled directly after their arrival on the shores of the New World in North Beaver township. He built the first house in Mt. Jackson and gave the location that name. Mr. Chambers purchased 220 acres of unimproved timber land, and soon after took steps to build a structure that should house them temporarily, and to clear and prepare the land, so as to provide their daily food from the resulting crops. He was active and progressive and at his death he left a good farm, well-improved, cleared, and provided with excellent buildings, adequate to the needs of the farm. He reached the age of seventy-five years, and left behind him a splendid record for honorable dealings, and noble life. His wife was called to her home to enjoy the reward that comes after a life well spent, at the age of sixty-five. Their children were: Samuel; Robert; Isabella; Alexander; James; John H.; Elizabeth; Mary; and William.

John H. Chambers followed farming all his days, and accumulated a good property; he was a sturdy and industrious tiller of the soil, and a very practical man in his agricultural methods. In political belief, he clung to the principles advocated by the Democratic party. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church since early manhood, and died in the faith of a future resurrection at the age of seventy-one. His wife Mary, who is still living, was born Oct. 20, 1820, and was a daughter of William Davidson of County Down, Ireland, who came to America in 1837, and settled on a farm in North Beaver township. The children who composed the parental family were: Margaret; William C., our subject; Mary Jane; Isabella; James,

who died in his youth; John D.; Samuel J.; Liz-zie B.; Joseph E.; George; and Rebecca. Six of the foregoing family are living to-day.

William C. Chambers assisted his father on the farm until April 26, 1861, when he enlisted for the defense of his country in the Mt. Jackson Guard, later known after it had been mustered into the U. S. service as Battery B, First Pa. Light Artillery, and served three years to a day; he was slightly wounded in the Second Bull Run and Spottsylvania Court House. He is a member of Post No. 100, of New Castle, G. A. R. and is also a member of the Union Veteran Legion, so as to keep in close touch with his comrades of the late war, and in banded union to assist in commemorating in a fitting manner the noble sacrifice of those who were not so fortunate as they, but who gave up their lives and their all in the defense of the Union. The war being over, he returned home and followed farming assiduously until October, 1885, when he was appointed postmaster, which position he has since acceptably and honorably filled, besides serving one year as a constable. In his mercantile establishment he carries a full line of groceries, confectionery and tobacco, and enjoys a liberal patronage from his neighbors and fellow-citizens. Mr. Chambers lives in a comfortable residence of his own in Mt. Jackson. He is a liberal giver to all enterprises which are calculated to benefit the community or the country at large, and has never been known to turn a deaf ear to true charity. He has, by his energy and perseverance, made himself what he is, and is recognized as one of the foremost business men as well as respected and honored citizens of Mt. Jackson.

HIRAM WATSON, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Neshannock township, was born on the farm he now owns and operates, Oct. 13, 1822. He is a son of Lot and Margaret (Houston) Watson, the former of Penn Valley, Pa., and the latter of Mercer Co., Pa. Our subject's paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland, but came to this country when a young man, and settled in Penn Valley about 1765 on a tract of land, which he brought into cultivation, and where he made his home, engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life, being highly esteemed as a sober, industrious citizen, and as one who by unceasing toil and good foresight had accumulated a comfortable competence. He enlisted and fought in the War of Independence. He was a Whig in respect to his political views. He and his family were United Presbyterians in religious attachments. To him and his first wife were born the following children: William; Thomas; John; James; Nancy, who was the mother of Gen. Irvin; Margaret; and Lot. He married a second time and added three children to his family: Nellie; Robert; and Joseph.

Lot Watson was educated in the schools of Penn Valley, and in 1805, settled on the farm, now owned by his son, which he cleared and put in a high state of cultivation. The farm contains 157 acres, 100 of which are yearly put to various farm crops, and is admirably adapted to general farming and stock raising; it is situated about three miles north of New Castle. Our subject's father fought in the War of 1812. He was a Whig in his politics, and served the township of which he was a citizen as school-director, auditor, assessor, as well as in several minor capacities. He was twice married. His first wife,



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who was Margaret Cunningham of Neshannock township, bore him four children: James; Isabel; William; and Samuel. After the death of his first wife, he entered into a second matrimonial alliance with Margaret Houston, daughter of Col. Houston, an officer in the Revolutionary Army, and by this union he became the parent of eleven more children: Hiram; Harriet (Fisher); Nancy; Dixon; John; Margaret (McCreary); Lot; Thomas; Sarah (Garrett); Julia (Boyd); and Elizabeth (Love). In his religious leanings he was a United Presbyterian. His death occurred in 1863, when aged seventy-seven years; his second wife departed her life in 1877, aged seventy-five years.

Hiram Watson attended school and worked on the farm till he was twenty-eight years old, and then left home, but still followed the same occupation of farming. In 1863, he returned to the paternal estate, which he purchased at that time, and has since been very successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a Republican in his politics, and has held the offices of school director, assessor, supervisor, and took the census of the township in 1880.

Mr. Watson was married in 1850 to Rebecca Gibson, daughter of William Gibson, and this union has been abundantly blessed with eleven children: Harriet Jenevra, who married first Oscar Hazen, and had one child, Roy, and on the death of her first husband married James Martin; Margaret, who married Frank Maitland of Youngstown, Ohio; William A., who married Edith Mitchell, and has seven children—Frank, Mary R., Howard, Irene, Edgar, Albert, and an infant unnamed; Sarah; Thomas, who married Alfretta Bowles of Topeka, Kan., and has one

child, Walter B.; Alice, who married Charles Donaldson of Neshannock township, and has three children, J. Roscoe, Harold W., and Carl H.; Harry I.; Rebecca B., and two that died in infancy. The family are strong Presbyterians, and Mr. Watson has been a member of the session since 1853. He was a member of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which was held in Saratoga, N. Y., in May, 1896. He is sincere in his convictions, forms his opinions with deliberation, and adheres to them with manly courage and fidelity.

MILTON S. MARQUIS. The history of every city of progress and enterprise always includes the biographies of certain of its enterprising citizens, who have made themselves especially prominent in forwarding the growth and development of the place, and these men of indomitable will and unconquerable energy almost invariably have arisen from honorable though humble walks of life, and have surmounted the ladder of success step by step till they reach a position that is the cynosure of the eyes of their fellow-citizens. To this class of citizens, whom the people denominate as self-made, we must surely include Mr. Marquis, who is a manufacturer of brick and dealer in limestone, and also connected with many of the important manufacturing interests of New Castle. His record offers a splendid example of what may be accomplished in an up-hill struggle by one to whom no discouraging obstacle offers a complete barrier to progress.

Our subject was born in Beaver Co., Pa., March 15, 1830, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (McMillen) Marquis. John Marquis was a native of Washington Co., Pa., and a descendant of a family of French Huguenots, who were driven by religious persecutions to Scotland; thence they emigrated to Virginia, then a newly-organized colony, and landed at the head of the James River in 1706; from there in succeeding years they made their way westward, and finally came into Washington Co., Pa., where they permanently settled. John Marquis early in life supported himself by teaching in the district schools. He never allowed himself to lose the advantages of his good school-training, but studied very much and was a great reader. He learned the carpenter's trade, and settled in Beaver County, where he bought a farm, and became a very popular man, well known for his good judgment, and was often called upon to give his advice in medical matters. He was a clerk in the church, and held many of the town offices, retiring in his later years to Lisbon, Ohio, where he became nearly ninety years of age; his wife died some years his junior. Their children were: David; James; Martha; Samuel; William; and Milton S., the subject of this personal narrative.

Our subject started out in life at a very early age, with only a district school education, but splendidly equipped with an ambitious spirit and an exceptionally fine judgment, which needed only the school of experience to adapt it to every need and to broaden its powers and capabilities. His first pursuit was in boating on the old "Cross-cut" and Beaver Valley Canals, and at the age of nineteen years we find him a cap-

tain of a canal boat. With a prudent thought for the future he saved his earnings and invested his money, buying a one-half interest in a canal boat, and later secured the entire interest; he so well managed his interests and took advantage of the prosperous times on the canals, that he at one time owned seventeen boats and carried on a large freight and packet business. In 1860, with O. H. P. Green he built and put on the canal a propeller or packet boat, and ran from Warren, Ohio, to the Ohio River, and down the river to Wheeling, West Virginia. When the canal was finally abandoned, he entered into the limestone business with Mr. Green, and bought and operated limestone quarries at Mahoningtown; later on the company became Green, Marquis & Shinn, then Shinn was succeeded by Geo. W. Johnson, and still later the company became Marquis & Johnson, which continued until 1888, when the partnership was dissolved, and the property divided, Mr. Marquis taking the plant, where he is at present located in New Castle, and where he has since manufactured brick and dealt in limestone. He started in to manufacture brick with a capacity of 5,000 a day, and now turns out an average of 90,000, employing in and around his limestone quarries, brickyard, mullers, presses and kiln upwards of 125 men; since 1888, he has manufactured nearly all the brick that has been needed for building purposes in New Castle, and also ships large quantities outside; besides ordinary building brick, he also manufactures a fine quality of fire brick, and buff and red pressed brick, and street-paving brick. He is a stockholder in the Shenango Valley Steel Co., Lawrence Glass Co., and Thompson Run Coal

Co.; he is also president and sole proprietor of the New Castle & Butler R. R., a stockholder in the New Castle Steel & Tin Plate Co., and in the Shenango Valley R. R. Co. During the continuance of the firm of Green, Marquis & Johnson, Mr. Marquis and Mr. Johnson engaged extensively in the cattle business, buying large droves aggregating as high as 9,000 head, driving them through the Indian Territory to Nebraska, where the cattle were fattened and put in shape for the market; this business continued about two years under the supervision of Mr. Marquis.

Our subject married Miss Martha Stoffer, daughter of John and Nancy Stoffer, and has eight children, seven of whom are living. The record is as follows: Elizabeth, who married F. W. Biddle, who is now deceased, leaving seven children; Laura is a clerk in her father's office; William H., who married Carrie Jones, is superintendent and manager of the brick works, and has one child, Harold E.; Charles D. is a bookkeeper in the brick works; Grace Greenwood is the wife of Charles Greer; Ida lives at home; Harry, deceased; Frank W. married Luey Miller, and is an assistant at the works. Mr. Marquis was originally a Whig in politics, then became a Republican, and is at present affiliated with the Prohibition party. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and a member in good standing of the I. O. O. F.

In connection with this narration of Mr. Marquis' successful life, the publishers of this Book of Biographies esteem it a great pleasure to present his portrait, which appears on a preceding page in proximity to this.

ESQ. WILSON W. MICHELTREE. This gentleman, although well advanced in years, is still prominent in the business circles of the village of Edenburg, Mahoning township, and in addition to carrying on a large and prosperous drug business, has also discharged the duties of the federal office of postmaster. He was born near Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa., Aug. 8, 1831, and was a son of Thomas and Grace (Ervin) Michel-tree, and grandson of James Micheltree. The latter was born in the northern part of Ireland, and became a citizen of the United States early in life, supporting himself and family at his occupation of farming; he located in Mercer County, where he rounded out his career as an esteemed, upright and patriotic citizen. His son Thomas succeeded him on the farm, and made a decided success of his efforts in introducing practical agricultural methods, and at his death there at the age of sixty-six left one of the best farms in the vicinity to his heirs. His wife lived to enjoy ninety-six years, and was active and in the full possession of her faculties to the last. Our subject's parents were highly esteemed in the wide circle of their acquaintances as people of true and earnest lives, and as kindly and agreeable friends and neighbors. This union was fruitful in the birth of the following children: James, M. D.; Ervin; Montrose; J. Calvin, M. D.; Wilson W., our subject; Fullerton; and Grace E.

Wilson W. Micheltree lived with his father on the farm in Mercer County, until 1858, attending as a boy the district schools, and then giving his whole time and strength to the care of the farm when he became old enough. When he was twenty-seven years of age he came to Edenburg,

where his older brother, Dr. James Micheltree, had been located, engaged in building up a medical practice for the six years previous. Putting their resources together, they built a store, stocked it with a full line of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, and other such accessories of a complete drug store, and embarked in business; they also dealt in groceries. From that date, 1858, until Dr. Micheltree's death in 1893, they were associated in business as equal partners. Dr. Micheltree's practice was general in its character, and large in its dimensions. He was one of the best and most successful physicians and surgeons in his part of the county, and won the confidence of a greater part of the population in the township, and the townships adjoining. His death was a great loss to many families, who had employed him for years as the family physician, and had learned to depend entirely on his efforts for success in battling disease. Since his partner's and brother's death, our subject has carried on the business alone, giving a large part of his time to maintaining the aforetime high standard of the store.

Mr. Micheltree married Lovina Part, daughter of James Part of this county, and to them was born one child, Mary M., who married Frank S. Patterson, a bookkeeper at Lawrence Junction for the Fort Wayne R. R. He is decided in his opinions on political subjects, and fearless in the expression of his views; he has been a life-long Democrat, and served the township as a justice of the peace from 1874 to 1889, when his health compelled him to resign and to return the commission. He has also performed his full share of public duties as the postmaster, a position he acceptably filled, leaving no ground

for complaint, for many long years until his resignation in 1897. He is a faithful member of the Disciples Church, and belongs to the local Knights of Pythias Lodge. He built the home where he lives and dispenses hospitality and good cheer to his many friends and acquaintances, and is altogether a very public-spirited citizen, and one who is deeply interested in the growth and development of the township, and the county at large. He is one of the oldest, most reliable and enterprising citizens resident within the borders of Mahoning township. He is popular both socially and from a business point of view, his genial politeness and his sterling integrity and worth winning him a hearty patronage and a large circle of friends. No druggist has been so long in the business in the township, or understands better the fundamental principles of the pharmaceutical profession.

LUTHER H. SAMPLE, Esq., a leading resident of Mahoningtown, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., July 13, 1833, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Logan) Sample, whose marriage occurred in 1816.

Thomas Sample was the second white child born north of the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania—Gen. William Robinson being the first; when Allegheny City was incorporated under a city charter, Gen. Robinson was the first mayor and Thomas Sample the second. The latter's birth took place Jan. 8, 1791. He made Allegheny City his home from 1812 to 1843, during which period he served twenty years as justice of the peace. In 1843, Mr. Sample leased his

extensive tannery, and bought a large farm near Mahoningtown, and here made his home the remainder of his life, devoting much of his time to the cultivation and propagation of fruits and flowers. His business interests in Allegheny City kept him no small portion of the time en route between his farm and the city. He was a son of James Sample, who married Christiana Taggart, daughter of James Taggart, an early settler of Cumberland County. Our subject's mother, Margaret (Logan) Sample, was born March 5, 1794, and died in 1882; she was a daughter of Jas. Logan, who was born in County Down, Ireland, and married a Miss Watt, whose relative, James Watt, will ever be remembered for his services to the world in the discovery of the expansive powers of steam, and his proposition for the utilization of this great force in the sciences and manufactures. Although Miss Watt was small of stature, the rest of the family were very tall, the total height of three brothers aggregating nineteen feet; most of the family settled in Virginia. James Logan, whose mother was a Miss Wilson, came from Ireland and settled in the Allegheny River Valley eighteen miles above Pittsburg, locating on the banks of the river, and establishing Logan's Ferry. He also purchased some six or eight hundred acres of land, and opened an inn for the refreshment of travelers near a basin in the river, known as Logan's Eddy. It was a favorite place for the river men, who made it a stopping place for meals and lodging. He also kept and dealt in household necessities, having a well-furnished general store in connection with his tavern. These various interests, with what profits he made in his farming operations, conspired

to yield him a comfortable income and enough more, so that he accumulated a large fortune for that time and locality. His death occurred on his estate at an advanced age in 1842. Of the ten children born to our subject's parents five survive, namely: James T., a veteran of the Mexican War; Mary, the widow of William P. Eichbaum, now residing in New Castle; Thomas, who is engaged in farming at Ashville, Ohio; Luther H., our subject; and Rev. J. Logan. The latter is an able and eloquent divine, who has a record for one of the most unique trips through the West of any preacher, living or dead. Having located a claim at Sturgis, Dakota, he started out with his team and carriage for an evangelizing tour through the mountainous regions, and during this journey he traversed the States and Territories of Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and then back through Wyoming to his starting-point, Sturgis.

Luther H. Sample lived in Allegheny City until he was nine years of age, when his parents moved to the farm, which is now his home within the present borough limits of Mahoningtown. After completing a district school education he advanced a step farther by pursuing an extended course of instruction in the New Castle Academy under the tutelage and supervision of the Rev. Robert Audley Brown. When eighteen years old, he went to Allegheny City, and entered a drug store to learn the profession of a pharmacist, but after three years he gave up his situation to come home and run the home farm, which his father proposed selling. Luther H. and his youngest brother, the Rev. J. Logan Sample, purchased the farm, and Luther H. has

made it his home ever since, enjoying the many good things of life that have come to him through the successful operation of a fertile and well-disposed farm. Among the agriculturists of Taylor township he is known as progressive and enterprising, and ready to adopt any new plan that promises a real advance in the present system of farming.

Mr. Sample was married in his own residence Jan. 29, 1877 to Mary Shannon, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bordman) Shannon. To them have been granted the following twelve children: Margaret Logan; Mary Bordman; Walter Scott; Robert Algernon; Oliver Hazen; Ruth Halsay, deceased; Jane Simpson; an infant, that died unnamed; Rachel English; Clara Cooper; Luther Howard, Jr.; and Roy Thomas. Mrs. Sample is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and well beloved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Mr. Sample in his political views is an uncompromising Republican, and has served his township in every office that is within the gift of the people; for twenty years he has been justice of the peace. He ranks among the leading and most influential citizens of Mahoningtown, and is identified with every movement that he considers to be for the real advancement of the community's interest. He is liberal and free-handed, and his acts of private charity, though little known, are yet very extensive and reflect credit on his generous nature. He has been a member of Masonic Orders for forty years, and is now a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 243; Delta Chapter, No. 70; and Lawrence Commandery, No. 62; all of New Castle.

JAMES CONNOR, a member of the enterprising grocery firm of Gunning & Connor of New Castle, was born in the above town, July 8, 1862. He was a son of Christopher and Ann (Quinn) Connor, both natives of County Meath, Ireland.

Christopher Connor learned a branch of the iron-maker's trade, and was known as an iron shearer; he was thus engaged as an iron-worker until 1886, and since that time has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and teaming. He gathered about his fireside seven children, as follows: Mary, deceased, who married Francis McQuirk, and has two children—Christie and Marie; Bridget, who married Barney Rogan, and presented him with one child, Esther; Maggie; Anna; Christopher, Jr.; Michael; and James, our subject. The old gentleman, who is remarkably well-preserved for one of his age, takes a keen interest in local politics, and is an unflinching adherent of the Democratic party. The family are faithful communicants of the Catholic Church.

James Connor, the subject of this short personal history, secured a practical education in the public schools of New Castle and in the Parochial School of St. Mary's Church of the same place. When he was old enough to do for himself, he was placed in the nail mill, where he learned the nail maker's trade, and remained there eight years. In 1890, he engaged in the grocery business for two years, and then in 1892 returned to his old employment in the nail mill, where he labored steadily and industriously until 1896. In that year with James Gunning he opened up a grocery store, and their business has grown apace, so that now they are rushed to

three members, as follows: Alvin Elder, a clerk in the dispatcher's office at Lawrence Junction; Lorena J., the wife of Frank Wallace; and John A., an assistant yard master for the E. & P. R. R. at New Castle Junction. Our subject and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Rhodes is an elder and trustee. He is a Republican in his political views and has served as an officer in the borough. Mr. Rhodes' portrait may be found on a preceding page.

JOSEPH O. DICKSON is one of the young men of Mahoning township who has taken up the line of work laid down by a most honorable line of ancestors, and is most ably prosecuting the many duties which fall to the lot of the modern tiller of the soil who wishes to make a success of his vocation. He was born April 29, 1867, on what is now known as the Duff farm. He spent his younger days in school after the usual manner of American youths, and after his home education had been completed, he lived two years in the far West on a ranch. There he became familiar with the ranchman's mode of life, and attained great skill in the many arts of the cattle men, such as "breaking" the broncos, "rounding up" cattle, "branding" them, etc., and being especially proficient in the manipulation of the lasso, that most important adjunct to the cowboy's outfit. Returning home, Mr. Dickson bought the old homestead, where he has since continued to reside.

Mr. Dickson's parents were Captain John C. and Mary R. (Crider) Dickson, and his grand-

parents were Joseph and Rachel (Shipley) Dickson. The great-grandparents were William and Jane (Dickson) Dickson.

William Dickson was born in Scotland in 1722. He removed in his early years to the northern part of Ireland, where he married, and from where about 1768 or 1770 he immigrated to America, locating at Red Stone settlement in Allegheny County, east of Pittsburg. There he bought a small but very desirable place, which he later on traded for 850 acres of new land, lying one mile east of Dixmont. To this tract he repaired in 1795, made a small clearing, built a rude log-house for temporary shelter till he could improve upon it, and sowed a little grain. The next year he brought on his family, and began hewing down the giants of the forest in earnest. As time passed, he sold off portions of the original tract, but at his demise, which occurred in 1825, at the age of 103, he left a fine estate, which was in much better shape than the average farm of the new country. To William Dickson and his wife, who reached the age of ninety, six children were born: Joseph; William; Jane; Sarah; Hannah; and David. Mr. Dickson in his religious views was first a Seceder, and later a Presbyterian. In the teachings of the latter church was his family reared.

Joseph Dickson, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, entered the new country with his father, and purchased a farm of 252 acres about one mile from his father's homestead. He cleared some of the land, but did not do much farming, as he had learned the millwright's trade and could not well spare the time when it was needed. In 1816, he built the first mill ever erected on Rock Island, and followed the milling

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business as a chosen occupation. Being of a decided mechanical and ingenious turn of mind, he was ready to adapt his talents to the varying needs of the community, even to the making of coffins, and the carving and sculpturing of headstones. He was a great advocate of temperance, and being a man of ready speech and of wide information, his influence for the cause was far-reaching. Politically, his affiliations were with the Whigs, and in religion he was a Presbyterian. Always alive to the affairs of the commonwealth he was especially interested in the State Militia, and in 1811 was commissioned a captain by Gov. Finley. Joseph Dickson came into the world in the year 1772, and departed this life in 1845. His loving wife, born in 1800, passed away in 1866. Seven of the twelve children born to them lived to an adult age; they were: David; Joseph; Matilda; John; Sarah; William; and James. Rachel died when five years of age, and four were removed in infancy.

Captain John C. Dickson was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., May 3, 1832, where he received his education and began his life as a farmer. Alive to new opportunities, which the opening of the State canal system gave, he removed to Moravia, Pa., and with two boats began carrying freight on the canals. This he followed for two years, and then returned to farming, also dealing heavily in horses and cattle. Branching out in the latter line, he soon became known all over Lawrence and Beaver Counties as one of the most extensive and most reliable dealers of the day. Having gained a wide knowledge of men and affairs, his judgment in all matters was good, and his counsel was sought and depended upon by a large circle of friends. A man

of his word, whose promise was as good as his bond, he was always considered a representative citizen. His success in life proved the correctness of his ideas and ways. In 1872 he purchased the farm of ninety acres, where our subject now resides. This place, which he rendered more valuable by many improvements, he retained until his death, May 30, 1894. Besides rearing a large family, Mr. Dickson accumulated a large amount of property. His wife, Mary R., daughter of Henry and Amanda C. (Sheets) Crider, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa. Her father, Henry Crider, was born in the same county in 1811, and lived until 1887; while his wife, born April 22, 1816, is still alive. Mary R. (Crider) Dickson, widow of Captain John C. Dickson, and the mother of the subject of this writing, is living and residing at the old home. Her children were: Josephine, who married William F. McCormick of Montana; John C., of Mahoning township, who married Margaret Wills, and is the father of two children—Reuben C. and Wiley F.; David H., who married Elizabeth B. Gilmore, and has one child—Frank G.; Rachel Ann, the wife of Willis Ripple, and the mother of two—James W. and Anna B.; William J.; Amanda K.; Joseph O., our subject; Mary B., deceased; Cora V.; Byron C.; Benjamin W.; and Mary Belle.

Joseph O. Dickson, the subject of this article, though not a married man, is very much alive to the interests of his native section. He possesses a home place that any man might well be proud of. The farm is well stocked, and is adapted especially to the raising of grain. It is in the heart of the best farming region of the Keystone State, and with good buildings, all

kept in perfect repair, it is the kind of an estate that would gladden the heart of anyone who loves the free, hearty and independent life of an agriculturist. Mr. Dickson's church lines are laid with the Baptist denomination, and in politics he is one of the best known and most popular of the young Republicans of his section. In business affairs, he is clear-headed, shrewd and upright. His methods are those that have come down to him from an honored ancestry, and it is safe to predict that his life's history will in no way suffer when compared with their bright record.



FREDERICK CARPENTER MILLER, one of the substantial men of Mahoning township, and who has proven very successful at his vocation of farming, entered this world May 8, 1827. He first saw the light of day on the same estate which he now owns, and where he makes his residence. Mr. Miller was a son of Alexander and Amelia (Carpenter) Miller, and a grandson of James Miller, a West Virginian, who removed from his native State and became one of the first settlers of Mahoning township. He built a log house on the place where John R. Miller, his descendant, now lives, and in time cleared upwards of one hundred acres, dying at an advanced age possessed of a very handsome property. His children and heirs were: Alexander; John; James, who retained the homestead; Elizabeth; Margaret; Jane; and Annie.

Alexander Miller was born Oct. 30, 1790, and was married, Dec. 22, 1810, to Miss Amelia Car-

penter, who was born March 4, 1787. He purchased a farm, adjoining his father's homestead, and put up buildings, some of which are in use to this day. This farm comprised about one hundred acres, but as fortune smiled on his efforts and prosperity came to be present with him, he purchased additional property, so that when the suitable times arrived, he was glad and able to give each of his children a good start in life. For fifteen years Alexander Miller was a justice of the peace, and in this period settled many estates, and performed a great amount of semi-legal work. He was a man of exceedingly sound and correct judgment, and seldom did he err in his estimate of men and things; his counsel was much sought after, and it was at all times freely accorded. In politics, Mr. Miller was first a Whig, and later a Republican. In his day he held many offices, and there are few men, indeed, who were as useful to the community as was he. He died in his sixty-fifth year, but his widow lived to the extreme age of eighty-six. Their children were: Elizabeth, born Aug. 23, 1811; Thomas, Feb. 5, 1813; Alexander, May 19, 1816; Polly, July 31, 1819; John, Aug. 1, 1822; Amelia A., March 27, 1825; Frederick Carpenter, May 8, 1827; and Jane, Aug. 15, 1830. The latter was burned to death in the old house when four years old.

Frederick Carpenter Miller tenderly cared for his aged parents all through their last days, and succeeded to the homestead. In time he purchased the Carpenter farm of two hundred acres, which adjoined, and in 1882 erected a new residence. In 1887, new barns were added, and all the while and at every season of the year, the large estate was kept in prime condition, clearly

giving the best of evidence as to the thrifty character and methodical, business-like habits of the owner. Mr. Miller has followed the line of life laid down by his honored and worthy father; he is not only a keen, up-to-date farmer, but also a clear-headed business man. He is held in the highest respect by all who know him, and their name is legion. On Sept. 29, 1853, he led to the altar of Hymen Miss Julia S. Kincaid, daughter of John W. and Rachel S. (Craven) Kincaid, and there they uttered the mutual vows of fidelity, honor and love that have bound them in perfect amity these many years. She was ever a good and loving wife, a faithful helpmeet, and a kind mother, to whom the welfare and happiness of her children was a paramount desire.

The father of Mrs. Miller, John W. Kincaid, was born in the State of Delaware, and was a son of Isaac Kincaid, a New Jerseyman, and a grandson of William Kincaid, who was Scotch by parentage and birth. Isaac Kincaid was a successful farmer, and the father of three children—John W., William, and Rebecca. John W. was born Feb. 13, 1796, and early in life learned the carpenter's trade, and carried on contracting and building in Philadelphia for a time. On May 21, 1822, in Salem, New Jersey, he was married to Rachel S. Craven, and kept the Craven Hotel there until 1833, when he came to Hillsville, Mahoning township, and bought the farm, now commonly known as the Henry Smith place. He continued farming until about 1854, when he started for California by the way of Central America to join his son, John E., who had preceded him. He got as far as Nicaragua, where he was detained; falling sick of Panama or yellow fever, he died and was buried

in that distant land. His widow, born Dec. 8, 1803, lived until June 28, 1889. Thirteen children were born to this couple: Richard C., born Aug. 21, 1823; William, Oct. 7, 1824; Maria E., July 27, 1826; John E., Nov. 27, 1827; Amanda D., Oct. 8, 1829; Julia S. (Miller), March 20, 1832; Edward S., May 14, 1833; Mary J., March 25, 1835; Albert, July 14, 1838; James C., Feb. 30, 1839; Ferdinand, Aug. 25, 1841; Rose Ann, Feb. 23, 1843; and Adaline R., Feb. 20, 1845.

To Mrs. Julia S. (Kincaid) Miller and her husband there were given these five children: Rachel Adaline, who died when an infant, seventeen months old; Edna A., married H. D. Smith of Lowellville, Ohio, and bore her husband three children, Freda M., Grace J., and Henry M.; Julia, the wife of George Sweesy of Philadelphia, and the mother of one child, Frederick C.; Mary E., who wedded Henry Schiffert, and has two children, Carl V., and Elsie E.; and Alexander C., who married Sadie E. Kincaid, a cousin, and has charge of his father's varied interests, residing in a home that he built for himself on a part of the estate. Alexander C. Miller is the father of four children—Lester G., Alexander C., Jr., Fred W., and Elizabeth J. He is a very active person, and is devoting his best energies to the work of caring for the extensive interests in his care. He is already one of the leading spirits of the section, and is ably carrying out the plans laid down by his father.

Our subject can safely be termed a successful man. He had the early advantage of a close association with his father, who knew what hidden springs to touch in order to bring a flow of prosperity. He has become a man of means, and still has retained to a remarkable degree the

affections of those in every walk of life; the fact that he has done well and utilized his talents has caused no one pains or jealousies. Mr. Miller has found time in his long and eventful life to devote to matters outside of the sphere of his own business affairs. He is a staunch Republican, proud of his life-long connection with the Grand Old Party, and has had much to say and to do in the guidance of that party in his section. He has held many public offices, among them that of supervisor, overseer of the poor, and school director. As to his religious views, he has always been liberal and fair-minded. The leaning of the family is toward the Baptist Church, of which the beloved mother is a member. Mr. Miller has now about completed life's battle, and stands among his family and friends a victor in the struggle, surrounded by the fruits of his foresight, his toil, and his skill.

JOHN L. WELSH of Mahoningtown is a conductor on the Pennsylvania R. R., and was born in Petersville, Butler Co., Pa., Aug. 4, 1858; he is a son of Dr. George W. and Margaret (Aiken) Welsh, grandson of William Welsh, who was a farmer by occupation and lived to be seventy years old. He served in the War of 1812. His father was a soldier of the Revolution, and was wounded in the shoulder at the Battle of the Brandwine, for which he received a pension many years afterward, when pensions were first allowed. Our subject's father was born in Butler County, near the Conoquenessing River in the year 1818, and died in Butler County in 1861 in the prime of middle life,

while living in the village of Petersville, and caring for his large medical practice. His wife was born near Portersville, Butler County, and was a daughter of Andrew and Rachel (Adams) Aiken, the latter a daughter of John Adams, who married Margaret Hall. Andrew Aiken was born in Westmoreland County in 1802, near the Forks of Yough, and came with his parents to Lawrence County in 1804; he was a farmer during his whole life, and passed away obedient to the invisible summons in 1867. He was a son of Robert and Jane (McMains) Aiken, who were identified with farming throughout the extent of their lives.

Our subject passed the years of his youth from the age of three until he was seventeen years old in Perry township, at which time his mother with the family moved to New Castle; his education was obtained in the common schools of Perry township, Lawrence County, and in the Third Ward school of New Castle, where he was a pupil for three terms. Since his tenth year he supported himself, working on farms and elsewhere, picking up jobs here and there, and doing whatever his hand found to do. At the age of twenty-one, he began railroading as a brakeman and continued in that position for two years; then after a short service on the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., he again became a brakeman, and after working for the Pennsylvania R. R. eighteen months in that capacity he was appointed a conductor in October, 1885, and in the past twelve years has given ample evidence of his ability and general trustworthiness.

He was married in Mahoningtown, June 27, 1888, to Rebecca Pitzer, who was born in Ma-



WILLIAM COSGROVE.

honingtown, a daughter of John Pitzer, a contractor and builder, who married Mary Rhodes. Three children now compose the household of Mr. and Mrs. Welsh: Margaret Ruth; Paul Andrew; and Gula Louise. They are members in good and regular standing of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Welsh is identified with the Prohibition party, whose principles he believes to be the best of any existing political organization. He is a kind and affectionate husband and father, an excellent neighbor, and a valued member of society.

WILLIAM COSGROVE, a keen and progressive farmer of Wampum, who has made a splendid record for successful work in agricultural lines, and is an honor alike to his township and his county as a representative of the best class of citizens, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, June 4, 1845. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (McKinley) Cosgrove, and a grandson of William Cosgrove, who was a weaver and draper in County Armagh in the north of Ireland, and employed a large number of men at one time. He died at the age of sixty, and was laid away according to the burial service of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a life member.

James Cosgrove, the father of the present scion of the family, farmed in Ireland until he came to America in 1851. In the spring of that year, he took passage in a sailing vessel out of Belfast, and came very near not living to tell the dreadful experience that befell him and his fam-

ily, for they were shipwrecked, and none of their goods saved, and their only possession on landing in the new country was the money in the belt that Mr. Cosgrove wore strapped around his waist. After their arrival in New York City, they moved to Little Falls, N. Y., where they lived but a short time. Friends had preceded him several years before to Washington County, and they provided him a house, where he lived a year and a half while he was looking about for a suitable property in which to invest his money. He soon selected two hundred acres of land on high ground a few miles from New Galilee in Big Beaver township, Lawrence County. By the following fall he had made ready a house, and taken possession of it with his family, most of whom are still living on the estate. Mr. and Mrs. James Cosgrove brought nine children into the world, namely: Margaret; William, the subject of this sketch; James, who lives in Little Beaver township; Mary, who is the wife of Dr. William McCune; Elizabeth J., deceased; Samuel P., whose home is in Little Beaver township; Maria, who became Mrs. Albert Scott; David S.; and Mattie A., who is the wife of Robert Dawson. James McKinley, our subject's maternal grandfather, was a farmer, who lived in Ireland, and followed his chosen occupation until his death when upwards of eighty years of age.

Ever since he was eight years old, our subject has lived in Lawrence County, and most of the time on the farm to which his father brought the family. He attended school until he was eighteen, working on the farm in the summer. When he was twenty-five years of age, Mr. Cosgrove bought from his father fifty acres of land,

paying for it in cash \$1,200, besides the value of his labor for the preceding four years. To this original tract he has added by purchase twenty-one acres on the north and forty-seven on the south, making a farm of almost 120 acres, which he devotes to general farming, although his orchards come in for a large share of his attention.

In 1876, Mr. Cosgrove built an elegant house, 28x32 feet, and has fitted it up in the most complete style, introducing hot and cold water throughout the house, and heating the rooms with a furnace. Only gas or electric light is lacking, and that is hardly available as yet for a residence outside of a city. In 1890, he built a large barn, 40x60, and put up a steel windmill to force water from a good spring to a tank that is placed on the highest spot in the orchard. Water is then supplied from the tank for the house, both upstairs and downstairs, and for the barn. Mr. Cosgrove has a fine country-seat, and it would be a hard matter to find one more pleasantly located, more completely furnished, or more conveniently arranged in Lawrence Co. He well deserves such a home, for he is cordial in his friendships, kind to his neighbors, ready to oblige in any matter within his power, and thrifty and enterprising in his business. The house, being on an elevation, commands a magnificent view of the Little Beaver River, and the wooded slopes beyond.

In 1880, Mr. Cosgrove wedded Ann Rhodes of Beaver County, daughter of Smiley Rhodes, and she became the mother of one son, William J., before her death. In August, 1889, our subject entered into his second union, his wife being Nancy Boyce, who was born in Pittsburg, and was a daughter of Hugh and Mary (Young)

Boyce. Mr. Cosgrove exemplifies the virtues of a refined, Christian gentleman, and reflects great credit on his parents for his excellent bringing-up. He and his beloved wife are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to whose spiritual and material support they give liberally. His political views coincide with straight Republican doctrines, and he has served as school director three years, and as supervisor one year. The manner in which Mr. Cosgrove has executed the responsibilities of the trusts that have devolved upon him proves the genuineness of his integrity and the justice of the reputation he has earned for energy and executive ability, as well as probity and unswerving rectitude. Mr. Cosgrove's portrait may be found on a preceding page.

WILLIAM DAVIS, one of the prominent citizens of Hillsville, Mahoning township, and actively engaged in carrying on farming operations, was born Nov. 18, 1823, in Northumberland Co., Pa. He was a son of Elijah and Mary (Banghart) Davis, and a grandson of David and Nancy (Thomas) Davis.

The grandparents were among the early residents of this section, moving in with their son, Elijah, when he came to the township about 1829. Elijah Davis purchased one hundred acres in Mahoning township, a farm which is now in the hands of Andrew Love. This place he improved, making it a home for his beloved parents, who both lived to an extreme old age. Elijah followed farming all of his life, but was only permitted to round out a life of fifty-six

years. His widow, however, lived on until she was seventy-six years old, when she succumbed to the inevitable fate of mortal man. They had four children: Rebecca, deceased; William, the subject of this writing; Hunter, now a farmer of Mahoning township; and Robert, also a farmer of the same locality. Elijah Davis was in politics a stanch Democrat of the Jeffersonian school; in religious matters, his family and himself were of the Disciples faith.

William Davis was given all of the education available at that time, and until his seventeenth year worked on the farm for his father. At that age he determined to strike out for himself. His natural bent seemed to be in the line of agricultural pursuits, and these he followed. Later on he purchased a threshing outfit, and for many years in the proper season carried on this work. Accumulating some means, he bought the Samuel Boies farm, which had two log houses, one log barn and a single lone apple tree on it. As time went on and the rewards of hard work and good management were won, Mr. Davis erected an exceedingly handsome residence and ample barns. His one apple-tree increased to a fine, large orchard, and many other kinds of fruit are growing in abundance on the place. A graceful and tasty arrangement of shrubbery and hedges about the buildings gives the home acre an exceedingly pleasing appearance. The whole estate of over one hundred acres is to-day one of the best tended, and consequently one of the best-looking, farms in all Lawrence County.

Mr. Davis contracted his first matrimonial alliance with Sarah Patterson, daughter of William Patterson. She was removed from his side at the age of twenty-five, leaving him two chil-

dren—Effie, who married Dr. C. M. Porter of Hillsville, but is now deceased, and Mary A., the wife of J. P. Harvey. Mr. Davis' second wife was Elizabeth Henley, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Morgan) Henley, and granddaughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Pitt) Henley. Matthew Henley, the elder, lived in the west of England, where he followed his trade of a butcher. His son followed him in this trade, continuing until the year 1841, when he came to America. He settled at first in Ohio, but later on, liking the land and people better in the Keystone State, he came into Lawrence County, and located in the western part of Mahoning township. He purchased the farm of 117 acres from William Strain, which is now owned by John Henley. It was but little improved when he took possession, but the soil was of the very best, and it was comparatively level. The fine orchard, now on the place, grew from apple-seeds which he brought from England and planted himself. He died here on this farm four years after he had located on it at the age of fifty-one; his wife reached the age of sixty-five. Their children were: Matthew, who died in youth; Thomas; John; James; Joseph; William, deceased; George; Elizabeth, our subject's wife; Annie, deceased; and Maria. Mr. Davis' union with Miss Henley has been productive of eleven children, five of whom survive, namely: Annie E., who wedded Samuel Hervey, and is the mother of three children, Walter W., Ella E., and Kate; Olive M., a teacher, resides at home; William R. is a student; Carry J. lives at home, as does also Joseph H., the youngest of the family.

William Davis is a man and a citizen whom it is good to know. He is a well-informed gen-

tleman, and though far along in life, he keeps in touch with the times. Politically he has always been a Democrat of the old school. Patriotic and alive to the needs of the nation, his voice has always been raised on the side of justice and humanity. He has held many offices and has filled them well. He is now enjoying the fruits of his hard work, that was performed when he was a younger man. His handsome home always affords a hospitable welcome to the friend or guest who may go that way. Mr. Davis is in church affiliations a Disciple. In all the affairs of life he is a man whom his townsmen rely upon, and thoroughly respect.

GILBERT LAFAYETTE RENO is a representative of one of the oldest families in Lawrence County, and is engaged in farming in Shenango township; he was born in North Sewickley township, Beaver County, Feb. 6, 1843.

The Reno family is said to be of French origin, and the original orthography is said to have been Renault, which was pronounced the same as it is now. It is on this ground that the claim of the family is based to large tracts of land in and about Peoria, Ill., which were granted to Renault, one of the early explorers and missionaries of the Valley of the Illinois River.

Our subject is a son of Martin and Hannah (Iddings) Reno. The latter was born near West Chester, Pa., in the year 1820, and was a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hoopes) Iddings, both of Quaker stock, of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Notwithstanding his Quaker prejudices and beliefs, Joseph Iddings was a participant in the War of 1812. Martin Reno was born in Sewickley township, Beaver County, July 11, 1816, and died on Feb. 28, 1891. He was a farmer by occupation. Martin Reno was a son of Benjamin and Catherine (Swick) Reno. Benjamin was born in Beaver County about 1785 and died about 1860; he was a farmer, and was also versed in the chemist's profession. In the War of 1812, he was present at the Battle of Lake Erie. Benjamin Reno was a son of William Reno, a farmer and bridge-builder, who lost his life at Beaver Dam by falling from a bridge he was constructing and breaking his neck.

Our subject was reared in Shenango township since his third year, at which time his father moved to the township and bought a large tract near the township's center from John Reno, his brother, one of the pioneers of the county, to whom a patent for the land was issued April 6, 1787, before the adoption of the Constitution, and signed by Benjamin Franklin. This old parchment is still extant and is owned by a brother of Mr. Reno, who is living on the old farm, and is considered a valuable old relic of early days. Mr. Reno attended district school until he was eighteen years of age, and supplemented this elementary education with collegiate work at the college at Edinburg until he was twenty-one years of age. He commenced teaching school at the age of eighteen, and thereafter taught several winter terms, his summers being occupied in farm work. When he attained his majority, he bought his present farm, and two years later married and began a successful and thus far happy career. He owns seventy-eight

acres, which are for the most part utilized in growing fruit and vegetables, for which ready market is found at New Castle, some five or six miles away. During the late war at the time of the raids in Pennsylvania by the irregular rebel general, Morgan, Mr. Reno served in the State militia some three months.

Mr. Reno was married Nov. 2, 1865, in Shenango township, to Mary W. Allen, who was born in that township, a daughter of John M. and Esther (Miller) Allen, the latter a daughter of Moses Miller, a soldier of the War of 1812. Moses Miller was a miller by trade as well as by name; his wife's name before her marriage to him was Jane Gaston. John M. Allen, a son of Jacob and Eleanor (Munson) Allen, the former a soldier of the War of 1812, was a farmer of Shenango township, and died in the above township where he had spent his life March 12, 1897, aged eighty-four years and six months. Eight children constitute the family of Mr. Reno and his wife, as follows: Charles B., who is farming in Shenango township; Ellis C., who is farming in Slippery Rock township; G. Laurice; Eva Josephine, the wife of Daniel W. Ferree of Slippery Rock township; A. Curtis; Francis H.; Cora L.; Verna Mary. Mrs. Reno and family are members of the Baptist Church. In politics, Mr. Reno is a Prohibitionist, and has served as auditor for the township. He is a member of the P. of Husbandry, and of Hazel Dell Grange, No. 333. Our subject entertains decided opinions on all subjects of national or state-wide interest; these opinions are reached with deliberation, and the conclusions arrived at after much thought, consequently when once formed they are not liable to change, and he advocates

them with the courage of one who believes he is right and dares to maintain his belief. He is considered an important factor of the business and industrial interests of the township, aiding materially in developing its resources, and receives his reward in the esteem and confidence of its citizens.

DR. CASSIUS M. PORTER, a disciple of Esculapius, within the length of time during which he has followed his chosen profession among the people of Lawrence County, especially of Mahoning township and its vicinity, has made for himself a place and won a standing that may well be envied. Belonging to a class of men whose duties compel them to be not only healers, but also to be counsellors and advisers as well in matters of the most delicate nature, he has done well by his large clientele. That his name is respected and his individuality esteemed is but a well-earned reward for his faithful efforts.

Dr. Porter came into this life July 7, 1846, in Pulaski township, Lawrence Co., Pa. His grandparents were born east of the Allegheny Mountains, but in the first days of the development of Western Pennsylvania, they crossed those barriers and were among the pioneers of this region. The parents of the Doctor were Nathaniel and Martha J. (McCready) Porter. Nathaniel Porter's father bore the same given name. Nathaniel Porter, Sr., entered the new country from his eastern abode with a steady determination to hew out of the wilderness a home for

himself and his descendants. The long journey over the mountains was performed on horseback, as wagon roads over those routes were then in the first stages of construction. He came into Lawrence County, and located on a 400-acre strip of land, all of which was practically a virgin forest. The first duty of the newcomer was to fell some trees and erect a habitable log-cabin. This done, he began to clear the farm—a task that engaged his labors for many succeeding years, with the result that he ultimately became the possessor of a fine tract of arable land, which owns not an equal in a county which is noted for its grand agricultural resources. He became as time advanced one of the prosperous and well-to-do men of the locality, having much influence and a high position as a citizen in the township.

To the son, Nathaniel Porter, Jr., fell a portion of the original farm. On this place, which he had helped his father to clear of trees, he settled with his wife, who was a Miss Martha J. McCready. He lived a long and industrious life here, spending all of his time in tilling the soil, and died in June, 1893, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow still survives him, residing with her son, the Doctor, who was the only one who survived out of a family of several children born to Nathaniel Porter and his wife.

The subject of our sketch attended the district schools of the township, where he laid the solid foundations of his education. Next he took a full academic course at the Canfield, Ohio, Academy, and then began the study of medicine with Dr. Davis of Poland, Ohio, as his preceptor. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Philadelphia, Pa., and was graduated

with honor in the spring of 1871. He came immediately to Hillsville, where he spent two years, practicing his profession. The three subsequent years were spent in Sharpsburg, Mercer Co., Pa., but at the end of that period he returned to his native town, and located again in Hillsville, where he has since resided.

Dr. Porter is essentially a broad man. While a thorough student and an up-to-date practitioner, he finds ample time to handle a large practice and to look after many other interests in a satisfactory manner. His profession has yielded him good returns, and he is considered one of the solid men of his section. His beautiful home, one of the best in the village of Hillsville, he himself erected. Our subject was wedded at the outset of his professional career to Miss Effie Davis, a daughter of William Davis, a resident of Mahoning township. She was taken from her sorrowing husband in 1895, having reached the age of forty-five years. Two children were born to them, Fred W., who at this writing is a student, and lives at home, and Anna M., who died aged two years and six months.

Dr. Porter is a gentleman who fully appreciates the duties of his profession, and at the same time does not forget the claims which the public has upon him as a citizen. He is a firm advocate of the best of educational facilities, and for nine years has been a member of the board of school directors. In politics, he is a Republican of the strongest convictions. Active in thought and movement, possessed of keen foresight, and endowed with exceptional executive abilities, the Doctor is, apart from his calling, a man of influence and force. As a physician,



HARRY HOWARD.

Dr. Porter is on all sides trusted as well as loved. Well-read in all that pertains to the well-being of the human body, keen and correct in his diagnoses, cool and collected under the strain of a severe surgical operation, it is no mistake to aver that he is an instance of the right man in the right place. The severest test to which one can subject a man's personality is to lay it open to the criticism of those who have seen him grow from childhood to manhood, and in manhood expand his career each year. This test Dr. Porter stands exceedingly well, for no more popular, well esteemed, or respected gentleman than he, has ever grown up among the sturdy sons of Lawrence County.



HARRY HOWARD, freight conductor on the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines, and residing in Mahoningtown, was born Nov. 10, 1866, in Lowellville, Ohio. His father was born in Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 7, 1825, and learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed industriously until recent years, supporting his family in respectability, and providing them with many of the luxuries and comforts of life. In 1880 his railroad service had a beginning, accepting in that year a position on the Pennsylvania R. R., and since that date has been employed as flagman and in other like capacities in the company's yards at Lawrence Junction. He was a soldier of the Civil War, serving three years in Co. E, 105th Reg. O. V. I., and was in Sherman's Army when it made its renowned march to the sea; he was severely wounded at

the Battle of Kenesaw Mountain, and received hospital treatment for quite a long period. He was a son of Prosper K. and Cecelia (Corrigan) Howard. His wife, Sarah J. (Lane) Howard, was born in Mt. Jackson, Lawrence Co., a daughter of William Lane. Edward L. Howard, our subject's father, is a Democrat in his politics.

Harry Howard passed his boyhood years in Lowellville, Ohio, where he resided until he attained his majority, attending the schools whenever opportunity was given him until he was twenty years old. During these years he worked through the summers in a brickyard, and also for a time on the railroad as a member of a section gang. It will be noted from this that he began at the bottom of the ladder, and has made a steady climb toward the top, his honest endeavor to please, and to make his services valuable and well-nigh indispensable, meeting with a reception due them. At the age of twenty-one he became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines, and in two years left off "braking" to assume the added cares and responsibilities of a conductor. Shortly after this he worked some six weeks for the P. & W. R. R., and an equal period for the P. & L. E. R. R., and then returned to the Pennsylvania Co., with which he has since remained. In May, 1895, he was again appointed conductor, in which capacity he is now employed.

Mr. Howard on Dec. 18, 1889, led to the Altar of Hymen Hannah M. Anderson, and made her his wife; she is a daughter of John R. and Salina F. (Warfel) Anderson. Salina F. was a daughter of Emmanuel Warfel, who married Sarah Shade, both of them natives of Hunting-

don County, the former a son of Henry Warfel, and the latter a daughter of Henry Shade. Of six children born to her parents, Mrs. Howard was the second. Their two sons were named William Ellis and Edwin L. Mrs. Howard is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Howard is a Republican in his politics, and socially is a member of Amazon Lodge No. 336, Knights of Pythias of Mahoningtown; and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen No. 471, Evening Star Lodge of Mahoningtown.

We present Mr. Howard's portrait on a preceding page as one of the foremost representatives of employees on the railroad.

JOHN D. PATTERSON, a representative and eminent citizen of the borough of Mahoningtown, where he is held in high regard and esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances, was born in Lowellville, Mahoning Co., Ohio, May 22, 1847, and is a son of William and Elizabeth Ann (Buchanan) Patterson. The latter was born in 1821 near Lowellville, Ohio, and died May 2, 1854; her father was a farmer of Ohio for many years, and lived and died near Lowellville. William Patterson was born in North Beaver township, Lawrence Co., Feb. 25, 1815, and is living at this writing on his homestead in that township at the venerable age of eighty-two years; it has been his home since 1852. When a young man he taught school for a while, and was as successful in that vocation as he was in farming, in which he was engaged since the date of his marriage. He was a son of John Patter-

son, who married a Miss Clendenin. Mr. Patterson is a Democrat in respect to his politics, and is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Mt. Jackson, North Beaver township. He has served his township as supervisor and as assessor. Of three children born to our subject's parents two survive; the record reads as follows: Walter B. of Shenango township; John D., our subject; and Mary E., who was taken home at the age of fifteen.

Our subject's parents moved to North Beaver township, when he was an infant in arms, and so he grew to manhood in North Beaver township, attending its excellent district schools until he was sixteen years of age, at which period in his career he joined the army, enlisting in Co. A, First Battalion of Pennsylvania Cavalry. He served six months in the cavalry arm of the service, was then for two years a member of Co. B, 204th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. He followed farming on rented land in North Beaver township seventeen years, after his return from the war and his resumption of peaceful pursuits. He then bought a farm, which he operated for six years, and then sold it and moved to Mahoningtown in the fall of 1889, and since that time has been a respected citizen of that borough. Since 1890, for three years he traveled in the interest of the National Stockman and Farmer of Pittsburg. Commencing with the fall of 1895, he has been connected with the schools of Mahoningtown, and has had charge of all the school property. He has also served three years as assessor of the borough. He is now in the prime of life, enjoying the comforts of a beautiful home, and surrounded by a large and happy family. His strict attention to business has

secured him a fair share of this world's goods, while his uprightness in all his dealings, combined with his genial deportment, has won him the respect and affection of all who know him. Socially, he is a member of Shenango Lodge, No. 195, I. O. O. F.; and Marietta Lodge, No. 337, Knights of Pythias, of Mt. Jackson. In his political views he is strongly Democratic.

His marriage to Nancy C. Brothers, who was born in North Beaver township, a daughter of David and Martha (Copper) Brothers, took place in New Brighton, Pa., March 21, 1866. This marriage has been fruitful of nine children, as follows: David I., who married Miss Margaret Wettich; William W., who married Elizabeth Clark; Charles W., deceased; Mary M.; John B.; Dale B.; Ella J.; Clara E.; and Silas E. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are members of the Presbyterian Church.

CRESS PITZER, the leading merchant of the village of East Moravia, Taylor township, was born in Shenango township, two miles east of New Castle, Feb. 24, 1839, and was a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Cameron) Pitzer, and grandson of Michael Pitzer, Sr., who was born in the Fatherland, and followed the vocation of a farmer all his life, dying at the age of eighty-two in 1835 or 1840. Our subject's father was born in the State of Virginia in 1802, and fell into that last deep sleep that knows no waking in 1881, at his home in Dickinson Co., Tenn. He was what might be termed a born mechanic, for to whatever trade he turned his attention he

mastered it easily, adapting himself to new and peculiar tools with wonderful rapidity; he was first a cooper by trade, but was equally well a shoe-maker, and could perform as good work at carpentry as the best of them. He became quite well-to-do in Pennsylvania, and in 1868 moved with most of his children and their families to Dickinson Co., Tenn., where he purchased 530 acres of land, intending to have all his children live around him. His wife, who died at the age of seventy-three, was a native of Pittsburg, and a daughter of Allan and Elizabeth Cameron. Allan Cameron, who was born in the bonny land of Scotland, served on the American side in the conflict for American Independence.

Cress was reared in Shenango township, and went to Austin School-house until he was ten years of age, and thus acquired his education. He was apprenticed at an early age to the trade of a shoe-maker, but he did not long continue to follow the cobbler's art, for the work disagreed with his health. He then sought more rugged and out-door employments, and decided on boating on the canal; he bought a canal boat, the McFarland, which plied between Pittsburg and Erie, Pa., and Meadville, Ohio, and was engaged in carrying freight until the canal was closed to navigation. In 1867, he moved with his father and other members of the family to Dickinson Co., Tenn., and farmed for thirteen years near Charlotte, also operating a threshing-machine. In 1880, he returned to Lawrence County, and in the spring of 1881 built a store-room in East Moravia on the east side, where he carries as well-selected a stock of general merchandise as is to be found in any village in the county. His spare time is taken up with

job work in repairing shoes. He is building up a large trade as well as lucrative, for he has good business qualifications, and his integrity goes unquestioned among his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Pitzer was married in Shenango township, March 1, 1860, to Elizabeth Shaffer, daughter of Joseph and Eva (Pitzer) Shaffer, and she has borne him the following family of nine children: Joseph, a farmer of Washington township, who married Minnie West, and has four children—Byron, Luther K., Melvin, and Cress; Albert, a car inspector, living near his father in Taylor township, who married Mary Jones, and has a family of three—David, Esther, and Ralph; David; Emma; Frank, a conductor and brakeman on the P. & L. E. R. R.; John, who is employed at the tube works in Ellwood City; Samuel; Ida; and Doris. Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer are members and regular attendants of the M. E. Church. In politics, Mr. Pitzer is a firm Republican, and does all he can in a legitimate way to advance the interests of that party.

JOHN M. MCGINNIS, who is a representative and leading farmer of North Beaver township, was born in Washington Co., Pa., Jan. 23, 1847. His grandfather, James McGinnis, was the son of William McGinnis, who was born about the middle of the eighteenth century in County Down, Ireland. In 1780 William McGinnis wedded Martha Wilson, an estimable lady of Scotch ancestry, and two years later they came to America and settled in Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa. After a short sojourn there,

he began looking about for a suitable location for a home, and made a trial of Staunton, Va., and Lancaster Co., Pa.; finally in company with his wife he took up his residence near Cavatt's Mills, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he lived from 1796 until 1800. In that year Mr. McGinnis bought a 200-acre tract of land in Shenango township, Crawford County, and devoted the greater portion of his remaining years to clearing the ground of the forest that cumbered it, and getting the fields in cultivation. He died on this farm in Crawford County in 1817. Mr. McGinnis was a devoted parent, a Christian gentleman, and an active and zealous member of the Seceder's denomination. Five children were born to this pioneer couple, and were named: James; John; Martha; Elizabeth; and William.

James McGinnis, the eldest son of the preceding, and grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1781, and was brought when a babe in arms by his parents to this country. He received the best school training available in those days, and when still a youth entered Cavatt's Mills, where he soon became an expert workman. His duties in the mill kept him for the most part in the foundry department, where he worked on castings, mainly those of moldboards and plows. He married Mary Scott, the daughter of Samuel Scott, and leaving his mechanical pursuits settled on a farm in Robinson township, where he died July 8, 1817, at the early age of thirty-six years. His widow afterwards married Joseph Logan, and lived with that gentleman until her death, March 30, 1849. James McGinnis left five children: Samuel W.; William; John; James; and Elizabeth.

William McGinnis, father of John M., the subject of this article, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., March 28, 1811. When still a lad he served an apprenticeship at the trade of wagon-making with George Hoffman. Feeling that that line of work was not suited to him, and having by his own efforts secured a good education, he began teaching school—a calling in which he was very successful. He wedded Matilda E. Hoffman, May 16, 1835, and located at Sharon, Pa., where he embarked in mercantile pursuits. Later on he removed to Stevenson's Mills, Allegheny County, where he continued in business. In 1843, Mr. McGinnis went to Hickory, Washington County, and resided there several years, conducting a large store, and dealing heavily in wool and other commodities. In 1848, he closed out his business interests, and came to North Beaver township, buying the farm, where his son, William S. McGinnis, now resides. Here he lived the life of a retired farmer until his decease, which occurred Aug. 14, 1889. His first wife, Matilda, died in 1844, when but thirty years of age, leaving three children: James, Mary and George. His second wife, with whom he was joined in matrimonial bonds March 12, 1846, was Mary Tannihill, daughter of James Tannihill. She was born Feb. 1, 1825, and died Feb. 4, 1886, leaving six children: John M.; Wilson; Sarah; William; Dura; and Ada.

John M. McGinnis was the eldest son by the last marriage. He attended public and select schools, gaining a good, substantial education, and in 1869, when twenty-two years of age, he followed out the instincts of his pioneer blood, and went to Dickinson Co., Kansas, then a new section of the country so far as improvements

and a settled character went, and settled down on a claim near Abilene. There he became interested in farming property, bought and sold land, and followed with a large measure of success agricultural pursuits. In 1875, he returned to his old home to care for his interests there, for he had fallen heir to the valuable James Tannihill estate of 172 acres, which he still owns and operates at this writing. Since taking hold of this extensive property he has made many improvements. In 1893, he built a very handsome modern residence, and laid out broad lawns about it. The large and commodious barn, 42x80 feet in dimensions, was built about 1885. One of the most complete dairies in his neighborhood is maintained, and two of the finest springs in the township are situated on his farm, giving him an abundance of clear, cold water for use in the house, in the dairy, and for watering the stock. Every element which goes to make the modern country place is here provided. Orchards, grain fields, and broad meadows, all well and carefully tended, stretch away from the home plot.

John M. McGinnis was married, Nov. 4, 1891, to Miss Addie Hopper, daughter of John and Annie (Hamilton) Hopper. John Hopper was born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., March 24, 1797, and was a son of Robert and Margaret (Watson) Hopper, who were both of Irish birth. This last named couple settled in Westmoreland County on their arrival in this country, but afterward with their family moved to Hickory Creek, near Mt. Jackson, North Beaver township. Robert Hopper took up a claim in North Beaver township and began clearing two hundred acres of virgin for-

est land. He built as his residence a double log-house, with a chimney in the middle, which structure stood for years as a landmark. By trade he was an Irish weaver and to his old age retained his skill and knowledge of the art. He reared a large family of children, who were named: Samuel; Esther; Martha; Jane; Margaret; Robert; William; John; and James. Both he and his good wife lived to an advanced age. John Hopper, the son of Robert, and father-in-law of Mr. McGinnis, inherited a portion of the home estate, and followed farming all of his life, clearing a goodly portion of his property himself. Through steady industry and thrifty methods, he became a very successful and well-known citizen. After a time, he sold his large place, which is now known as the L. L. Robinson farm, and bought the smaller tract, known at the time as the Joseph Henry Place. In this home of his last years his wife and family still reside. He departed this life Oct. 15, 1878. His wife was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Monroe) Hamilton. James Hamilton was born in Westmoreland County, and settled years ago on the farm in North Beaver township, where Robert Gibson now lives. Mr. Hamilton lived to the age of seventy-two, and his wife attained fifty-six years. Their children were: Thomas; Annie, who became the mother-in-law of the subject of this account; David; John; Shepard; and Jane. The children of John Hopper and his wife were: Elizabeth; Margaret; Maria; Addie, subject's wife; Mary; and Amanda.

John M. McGinnis is not only a representative man in the community, but he wields a great amount of influence among his many friends. In political views, he is an earnest Republican.

Since youth he has been a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church. He has held the office of supervisor as well as others of lesser importance. He is a man of broad information and well-rounded character, for he has traveled widely, and carried on business in many distant parts of the United States. Descended from a line of rugged and upright ancestry of which any man might well feel proud, he is pre-eminently a citizen of the class which gives stability and strength to the community, the State and the Nation.

FRANK WEITZ is a flourishing business man of Ellwood City, and conducts a well-patronized market for the sale of high grade meats of all kinds. He was born in the borough of Mahoningtown, Lawrence County, Jan. 25, 1865, and was a son of Andrew and Margaret (Bolinger) Weitz.

Andrew Weitz was born in Dornassenheim, Province of Nassau, Germany, April 17, 1834. He came to America about 1850, sailing from the port of Bremen to New York City, and settled in Mahoningtown, whither his brother George had preceded him. They kept a meat shop in Mahoningtown for seven years, when Andrew sold his share in the business, and moved to New Castle, where he opened a saloon; but after a year he quit that business, and went into the meat business again in Mahoningtown, where he remained until 1865, when he removed to Clinton, Beaver Co., Pa., where his death took place Jan. 1, 1883. Peter Weitz, the



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grandfather of the present business man, owned a large farm in the Fatherland, and his three sons came to America—George, William and Andrew. Andrew Weitz was married April 28, 1857, to Margaret Bolinger, also of pure German parentage, and a daughter of Michael and Barbara (Staff) Bolinger. Mrs. Weitz is still living in Wampum, this county, in comfortable circumstances, for her husband was a successful and prosperous citizen, and laid by considerable property. Their children were: Lizzie, who married Frank Vogt of Massillon, Ohio; John G. of Wampum; Lewis H., also of Wampum; Frank, the subject of this article; Charley, deceased; Emma, who married Dr. L. Wilson of Wampum; and Andrew, an esteemed citizen of Wampum.

Frank Weitz succeeded his father in the meat business, as he had served an apprenticeship from the age of fourteen, and established himself at Wampum, from which point he sent a wagon through the country and built up a good trade at Hazel Dell and the surrounding towns and villages. When Ellwood City was incorporated and laid out as a city, Mr. Weitz saw a good opening for a wide-awake man, and in 1891 with characteristic energy he built a house and store, which was unfortunately destroyed by fire in the following year. Undaunted by the loss, Mr. Weitz rebuilt on the site, and the present structure is a two-story affair, containing the market on the ground floor, and living rooms above. Mr. Weitz has a good trade, and faithfully and zealously does his part in aiding the growth of the city, and in developing its varied interests. His market is always the acme of neatness and inviting to the most fastidious, who

seek for choice morsels to satisfy their palates. He keeps a fine variety of meats, both fresh and salted, fish and everything that pertains to his business. Mr. Weitz is a Democrat and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Weitz married Lizzie Stewart, daughter of William Stewart of Petersburg, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Ruth, who was born April 17, 1893. Mr. Weitz and his good wife have the respect and good will of all who know them. He is a member of the Junior O. U. A. M. of Ellwood City, Pa.

JAMES A. RANEY, who is engaged in milling with his cousin Leander Raney in Mahoningtown, was born in Edinburg, Lawrence Co., Pa., Aug. 26, 1843, and is a son of John D. and Jane (Parks) Raney; the latter was born in Edinburg, and was a daughter of James Parks, a patriot soldier of the Revolution, who was born in the State of Virginia, and died at the age of ninety years in Edinburg. John D. Raney was born in Coitsville, Ohio, in 1812, and died in Youngstown, in 1884; he was a miller by trade and followed that pursuit in Youngstown and also in Edinburg. In Youngstown he retired from active life, and served as mayor and as justice of the peace. While a resident of Edinburg, he represented his district in the Pennsylvania Legislature, being a man of more than ordinary talents, and great executive ability.

Our subject passed the first eighteen years of his life in Edinburg, attending its district

schools, and continued his schooling for a year after his parents moved to Youngstown in 1861. He began working in the mill with his father at the age of seventeen, and two years later started out to support himself, and become independent of anyone for his living. He worked in the mill at Youngstown three years, and then for sixteen years was associated in the milling industry with his brother. In 1876 he came to Mahoningtown, and after one year's labor in his uncle's mill, he leased it for four years. In 1885, Mr. Raney and his cousin Leander Raney, bought the mill and refitted it with new machinery throughout of the most approved type at a cost of upwards of \$8,000, and they are now producing as fine a quality of flour as is made anywhere, shipping to all the territory tributary to New Castle. The mill is one of the first and most important industries of Mahoningtown, and would space permit we should be glad to give a more detailed account of the excellent appointments in and about the mill, and of the progress and growth of the business.

Mr. Raney was joined in marriage in December, 1871, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Lois McCullum, daughter of Ira and Hannah McCullum, and this union has been blessed with five children: Myron, who married Rachel Kincaid, is an engineer and lives in Mahoningtown; Jessie; Daisy; Paul; and Ralph. Our subject's wife is a devoted and worthy member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Raney is a Republican in his political affiliations. He is a member of the borough council, and was the first burgess after the adoption of the borough organization, and served three years in that capacity. He is a non-affiliated member of the Knights of Pythias,

having joined the order at Youngstown, Ohio. In the late war, he was in the service of the United States from May to September, 1864, as a member of Co. I, 155th Ohio Vol. Inf. Mr. Raney's portrait appears on a preceding page, and we are pleased to include his name in the list of the representative and leading citizens of Lawrence County.

NATHANIEL NYE. In every community there are men who have finished their part in the arduous labors of daily life; they are usually men who have struggled against adverse circumstances and who have overcome the obstacles to success, reaching the calm only after severe and exhausting effort. They command the veneration and respect of younger generations. Such a man and such a character is Nathaniel Nye of Hazel Dell. He was born on the old Nye homestead where Ellwood City is now located, April 29, 1835. His parents were Thomas and Pernina (Pettit) Nye.

At that early day there was little opportunity for educational advantages, so at the age of seventeen Mr. Nye began to learn blacksmithing. Besides working at his trade, he carried on farming at the homestead, a part of which fell to him by inheritance. Securing two acres of land from Andrew C. Cole in Hazel Dell, Mr. Nye built a house, and made his home there for a time; he then sold that property and bought the J. H. Marshall residence, which he enlarged and altered considerably to suit his purposes. In 1891, Mr. Nye built a barn and voting hall. He

also invested in the Nye store, and rented it to tenants until 1897, when he bought the entire stock of goods, and it has since been conducted under his supervision and management. In company with his son, Frank H. Nye, our subject bought the Daniel Cole farm as a speculation, laid it out into lots, one hundred in all, each 150 feet in depth with fifty feet frontage; this venture was very successful and brought in good returns to the heads of it. While Mr. Nye has retired from active participation in business affairs, he is still interested in real estate and makes an occasional sale that is well worth his time.

Mr. Nye is a member in good standing of the lodge at Ellwood City, F. & A. M. He first became a Mason in New Brighton, Pa., and from there was transferred successively to Rochester and Ellwood City, becoming popular and well liked in every lodge, as he is of a genial disposition. As a person of enterprise and energy, Mr. Nye is certainly one of the men best fitted to carry out the aggressive principles of his party in the political arena, where he is arrayed on the side of Democracy. He is very much interested in educational matters, and has advanced theories along those lines.

Mr. Nye in uniting himself with a life-companion made a most fitting choice of his wife, a lady of excellent family, whose history is fully outlined in the biography of John Marshall, contained elsewhere in this Book of Biographies. Mrs. Rebecca Jane (Marshall) Nye, daughter of the Mr. Marshall mentioned above, has been all that a good and faithful wife ever is to a devoted husband, and outside of the family circle she has won many dear friends by her unfailing

courtesy and kindness of manner. In the years of their wedded life children came to the household, and were welcomed and carefully and conscientiously trained. The history of the oldest son, George B., appears detached in a separate narrative in this book, and we will not take the time here to refer to his prosperous career; suffice it to say that he is an honor to his parents, and one of the best citizens of Ellwood City. Frank H. is a merchant of large business ability and excellent standing in the trade. Charlie M. is engaged in commercial pursuits. He married Abbie Hannon, and they have a son, John H., and a daughter, Bertha M. Harry E., while acting as fireman on the railroad, met his death in an accident at the age of twenty-one. Freddie H. lived five years, and then was called home by his Heavenly Father. William W. passed away at eighteen months, Ralph E. was taken a short time after he had passed his second birthday, and Myrtle C.'s life terminated before the end of her third year.

The family is highly thought of in all parts of the township, and everywhere throughout the county, where they are known, their worth and many excellent qualities are appreciated. The young people are fully capable of maintaining the high standard set for them, and give promise of doing so.

Our subject's grandparents, Andrew Rose and Rachel (McDonald) Nye, came to this section of the State from Philadelphia, and after living for some little time at Peter's Creek removed to Lawrence County, where they received a patent for four hundred acres of new land. They built thereon in 1793 a log-house near the site of the Presbyterian Church, and lived many

years to prosper and to delight in their splendid family of children. Andrew Nye was born Jan. 6, 1750, and died March 1, 1821, and his wife entered this life Nov. 10, 1760, and departed it Dec. 16, 1847. Their children were: Richard, born Nov. 1, 1776; Eleanor, Dec. 25, 1777; Catherine, March 5, 1780; Nancy, Nov. 9, 1781; John, Oct. 2, 1783; Michael, Oct. 2, 1785; Hannah, July 21, 1787; Jordan M., March 10, 1789; Mary, Feb. 12, 1791; Margaret, July 13, 1792; Susan, Feb. 27, 1795; Andrew R., Dec. 22, 1797; Dan, March 19, 1800; and Thomas, the father of our subject, Aug. 30, 1802.

Thomas Nye, the youngest of a family of fourteen, farmed with his father, and labored at agricultural pursuits all his life. On April 10, 1828, Mr. Nye was united in the bonds of matrimony with Pernina Pettit, who was born Nov. 15, 1804. The Nyes lived in the true pioneer days, when there was plenty of game for the obtaining of it, and the settlers' cabins were few and far between. They worked hard at clearing their land, and succeeded admirably in wresting a sustenance and a comfortable livelihood from the soil. Their children were: Dan, born Feb. 10, 1829, whose sketch is found elsewhere in this book; Alvah and Avery, twins, Jan. 25, 1830; Aaron, Jan. 26, 1835; and Nathaniel, our subject. Mrs. Nye laid down her duties and closed her eyes on life on July 10, 1836. After the lapse of several years, our subject's father contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Mrs. Eliza McElwain, whose maiden name was Miller. By this union five more children were added to the family: Jordan M., born Nov. 7, 1847; Pernina, Nov. 27, 1849; Hannah, Nov. 23, 1852; Nancy, Aug. 11, 1854; and Celia, Aug. 16, 1857. Mr.

Nye held various township offices, that were tendered to him by his townspeople. He owned 130 acres of land, but little dreamed that his meadows one day would furnish building sites for many comfortable and happy homes. Our subject's grandfather, Andrew, lived in a log-house, where the residence of brick and frame now stands, and when he made his settlement there were only two families in the vicinity for miles and miles, and they were the Renyons and Hazens. Mrs. Nye was often left in the log-house with the children when her husband went to work, and quite frequently was she forced to fire a rifle off, to frighten off the wolves, who were prowling about, and prevent them from molesting the place.

HON. HENRY EDWARDS, one of the truly representative citizens of Lawrence County, now living in honored retirement on his farm in North Beaver township, was born in Washington, D. C., Sept. 21, 1814. He is a son of Joseph and Deborah (Sutherland) Edwards, and a grandson of Robert and Mary (Burrough) Edwards.

The grandfather was born in England, but a captaincy he held in the army, which came from the mother country to assist the colonists in the French and Indian War, brought him to this side of the ocean. At the end of his service, being thoroughly well pleased with the new land, he decided to remain, and accordingly bought a large tract of land in St. Mary's Co., Maryland. Besides being a brave soldier, Rob-

ert Edwards was a skilled ship carpenter, and through being a large land-owner in later years he came to possess large numbers of slaves, like his neighbors around him. He did not scorn to put his hand, when occasion demanded it, to the trade of his younger years, and many a stanch craft owed its being to him. He died at a good old age, rich in worldly goods, and respected and loved by all. His wife, whom he had married in early life, survived him some few years. Five sons and two daughters were born to Robert and Mary Edwards. Among them were: John, who was at one time sheriff of St. Mary's Co.; Jesse, a planter and extensive slave-owner of the same county; Hezekiah, who moved west to Kentucky; and Joseph, the father of the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Edwards worked with his father on the farm, and learned not only the details of successful farming, but also his parent's valuable trade. When King George's yoke became too heavy to bear, the young man was ready and willing to lend a hand in freeing the country from oppression. He served through the Revolutionary War, and soon after its close received an appointment from Thomas Jefferson as midshipman in the navy, a position he held with headquarters in Washington, D. C., until 1818. After leaving the service of the government, Mr. Edwards located in Beaver Co., Pa., buying the farm now owned by F. Edwards. He resided there and with the family of the subject of this sketch up to the time of his death at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The widow, whose maiden name was Deborah Sutherland, but who had been previously married to John Ledger, survived him but a few short months.

Six children were born to them: Rebecca; Polly, who died in childhood; Ann; Henry; Jane; and Emily. All these children were reared according to the teachings of the Episcopal Church, to which the father and mother belonged.

Henry Edwards, the subject of this notice, early manifested his natural bent of mind. He was an apt pupil and a lover of knowledge. From the schools of his day he acquired a good education, to which he has ever since added, until he can be safely termed one of the best read and best informed men of his county. In 1852, when already a prosperous man, he came to North Beaver township, buying the mill site, together with several acres of land from John Clark. Soon after he erected a new flouring mill at an expense of over \$5,000, and equipped it with the best and most modern machinery that could then be obtained. A prosperous business rewarded this venture, but after five years of success, misfortune in the shape of water came and destroyed the mill. About this time, the new railroad came this way, and Mr. Edwards, ever alive to business opportunities, became a large contractor, and built many miles of the line with considerable pecuniary profit to himself. When the oil business began to develop, Mr. Edwards again saw his chance, and devoted much time to fortunate prospecting and opening of new oil fields; at one time he even had an oil well on his own farm. Besides these interests, Mr. Edwards had been steadily buying land, and was profitably tilling many broad acres of fertile soil. He had built a new house and barns in 1856, and as time went by had set out large quantities of the best varieties of fruit. For years since then he has been one of the lar-

gest fruit-growers in the township. At one time our subject was a heavy dealer in wool, handling large quantities of it with good returns to himself.

In 1887 and 1888, Mr. Edwards, who had long been a leading factor in political affairs of the county, was prevailed upon to accept the Republican nomination to the State Legislature. He was duly elected, and served his constituents in a manner that won their hearty plaudits, and added to the honor and esteem in which he had always been held.

Henry Edwards married Margaret Clark, a daughter of David Clark; she died at the age of forty-eight, leaving him five children: Mary, who married John Hoffman of Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph, who married Essie Eckles, and is a prominent railroad contractor; Jane, who is the wife of Thomas Graham of New Castle, Pa.; Jessie, the wife of L. Cross of North Beaver township; and Harry, who is his father's helper and co-worker.

As has been stated before, Mr. Edwards is a man of high attainments and varied accomplishments. Being a ready speaker, and the possessor of a mine of information, he has never been worsted in a political debate or argument. He is extremely active, of a cheery, genial disposition, and has warm friends by the hundreds, wherever he is known. No social gathering is so complete as it is when he is present. For keen judgment either in politics or in business he is unexcelled. As an adviser, he is much sought, and his advice has the very pleasant feature about it that it can be relied on. Few men have such a fund of experience and anecdote. An out and out Republican since the days of

John C. Fremont, he is proud of the record of the Keystone State—a record that men of his stamp are certainly responsible for. Bright, hale and happy, with a constitution strong and unimpaired, he stands surrounded with the fruits of his life work, a true example of the best American manhood.

CHESTER L. WHITE, head bookkeeper in the office of the Shenango Valley Steel & Iron Co. of New Castle, was born in November, 1838, in Windham, O. Our subject is a son of Dr. Newell and Mrs. C. N. (Porter) White, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, the former of Plainfield, and the latter of Worthington.

Dr. Newell White has for nearly half a century been practicing medicine in the city of New Castle, but is now retired from active work, and is almost the only one left of a long list of physicians, who practiced in New Castle and its vicinity in the forties and fifties. His parents were direct descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers, who laid the foundations of the New England States. He was born in Plainfield, Mass., Nov. 30, 1807, and after becoming proficient in the studies taught in the district schools at that time, taught school for a number of years, in which line of work he met with gratifying success. However, preferring the profession of medicine to that of any other vocation, he directed his studies in that direction so assiduously that he was enabled to graduate from Berkshire Medical College in 1831. In 1834, shortly after his marriage, he located in Windham, Ohio, where he



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remained until 1840, when he relinquished his practice at Windham and moved to Warren, Ohio, where he remained for a period of five years. Subsequently, he returned to Windham, and in 1850 came to New Castle, Pa., where he has labored with an eminent degree of success, and it is with pride and full satisfaction that he recounts the last forty-seven years spent as a resident of New Castle, engaged in the practice of the only philosophical system of medicine. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Dr. White is a gentleman of a very evenly balanced disposition, conservative by nature, especially in the acceptance of new theories and doctrines, but the most genial and good-hearted man that it is ever one's occasion to run across. He is one of the oldest and most respected members of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle. Chester L. White commenced his education in the city schools of New Castle and was advanced through Iberia College of Iberia, Ohio. Shortly after having completed the education thus outlined, the Civil War happened to break out, and in response to the call for troops for three months' service, our subject enlisted for that period in April, 1861. After his term of enlistment had expired, he enlisted in the 2nd Reg. Ohio Vol. Cav., in which he received the commission of lieutenant. After three years' service he resigned on account of ill health and after his return from the front he secured a position in the accounting department of the Pennsylvania R. R., and later entered the employ of Indianapolis & St. Louis R. R. at Indianapolis, Ind., and still later entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific R. R. at St. Louis, at which latter place he remained until 1880. In

that year, he returned to New Castle, and accepted a position with the New Castle Wire Co., remaining with that corporation until 1892, when he undertook to fulfill the duties of his present position as head bookkeeper of the Shenango Valley Steel & Wire Co. In 1897, Mr. White married Miss Sarah D. Forrest of New Castle, Pa.

WILLIAM H. LESLIE, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of North Beaver township, now leading a somewhat retired life on a splendid farm, was born April 27, 1822, on what is now called the McMurray farm in the above township. This place is about two miles distant from where Mr. Leslie at his marriage settled, and has ever since lived. Our subject is a son of John and Nancy (Gilmore) Leslie.

John Leslie was of Irish birth and parentage, born in Donegal, County Down, but with his brothers George and James, emigrated to America shortly after the Revolutionary War. He had received a training in the wheelwright's trade, and on settling down in Westmoreland Co., Pa., followed that calling. In 1802, he located in North Beaver township on a farm which he bought with his accumulated earnings. This was new land, so the first work of the sturdy settler after coming into possession was to make a clearing, build a log-cabin and sow small plots of grain. He then returned for his wife, a Miss Nancy Neil, whom he had married not long before, and who was born in Allegheny County. On their return they labored together until the place was cleared of the forest and brought un-

der cultivation. In 1814, the first wife died, leaving five children: James, born March 19, 1789; George, May 19, 1792; Jennie and Adam, twins, July 6, 1795; and John, Oct. 22, 1800. After a few years, John Leslie married again, and three children resulted from this second union, namely: Nancy, born March 6, 1818; Martha, April 27, 1820; and William H., the subject of this sketch. Besides clearing 110 acres of forest and faithfully attending to all the arduous duties of a pioneer farmer, John Leslie found time to work at his trade of wheelwright, and found considerable employment in that line in the newly settled country. He brought up his large family in the way they should go, all being regular attendants and members of the Seceders Church. He assisted in building the first log Seceders Church in 1797. John Leslie lived to the good old age of seventy-three, dying Jan. 15, 1835.

William H. Leslie, the youngest of the large family of children, was given the best educational advantages the early schools could afford, and in his boyhood days profited largely by being continually thrown in contact with his sturdy father. Industry, thrift, honesty and sobriety were the watchwords of those old days. The early settler's struggles with nature, and the daily cares and obstacles to be overcome, gave a training that developed a hardy manhood. Our subject was married Nov. 30, 1843, to Agnes, the daughter of John and Margaret Witherspoon, who were neighboring pioneers. Agnes Witherspoon was born on the farm, which afterwards became the home of herself and husband, Jan. 25, 1824. No children have ever blessed their union, but through all the years in which the

now venerable couple have lived together in perfect confidence and unanimity, they have ever looked to the welfare of others. Scores of near and dear friends, and many appreciative people, who have been the recipients of their willingly-bestowed favors, attest on every hand the high esteem in which Mr. Leslie and his wife are held. Mr. Leslie soon became the owner of the farm on which he settled at the beginning of his married life. Constant care and hard work have made it an ideal home place. In its virgin state, the farm was heavily timbered; with axe, wielded by brawny and sinewy arms, he hewed down the kings of the forest, built a new house and barns, sowed the fields to grain, and set out many acres of fruit. The apples, peaches, plums and pears raised on this farm are famous. It is safe to say that in all this section, there is not to-day 128 acres of land in finer condition, or more carefully tended, than that of Mr. Leslie's.

In 1893, rich in years and prosperous in worldly affairs, Mr. Leslie and wife celebrated their golden wedding. This auspicious event brought many friends from miles around, who had grown to know and love the aged and respected couple. No home in their neighborhood is oftener visited, and no cheery hospitality is better appreciated in general than that offered by Mr. Leslie and his wife. Their latch-string is ever out, and the good things of their larder are always ready to minister to the refreshment of their friends and acquaintances.

William H. Leslie in his long life has never sought office; his political connections have, however, always been strong and well grounded. His advice in public affairs is much sought, and his ripe experience has been drawn upon by the

leaders in the party of his choice. Mr. Leslie was originally a Whig, but about war-time he cast his lot with the Republican party, of which he has ever since been an ardent supporter. Both Mr. Leslie and his wife have been life-long members of the United Presbyterian Church. They are true Christian people, and bring the teachings of their Master into their daily life. In the fulness of their years they can look back upon the past, and in memory link the forests of the old days with the changed conditions of the present. There are few people living nowadays, who have watched the building of our State and Nation step by step, and still fewer, who have taken an active part in bringing out the developments seen at this end of the nineteenth century. Mr. Leslie and his beloved wife are of this now fast-disappearing class. Their home, their friends, and their life-work all testify that they have borne their part faithfully and well. On preceding pages the publishers have placed the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, who both represent, as few others can, the pioneer element of the county, that has grown up with this section, and is now so fast disappearing.

HENRY BOOKSING, widely known through Western Pennsylvania as the superintendent of the Bessemer Limestone Quarries, located at Bessemer, North Beaver township, Lawrence County, was born on the 14th day of February, 1851, near Hesse-Cassel, Germany. His father, Jean Pierre Booksing, was an expert smith by trade, and in his native land had acquired, even before his early death at the age of

forty-six, no mean reputation as a skilful and reliable mechanic.

Henry Booksing spent his first years in the schools of his Fatherland; than these schools none are better on the face of the earth. At seventeen years of age, the lad, whose sole capital was a good head, a willing heart, and a ready hand, came to the United States. His first position was in the planing mills at Youngstown, Ohio. It took the young man but a short time to master the carpenter's trade, and to become a proficient worker in wood. Turning his attention to mechanics and engineering, he soon was familiar with the practical part of those sciences, so that on coming to Bessemer in 1887 he was qualified to take charge of the locomotive used in the quarries. He followed this line of work for nine years. Such was his faithfulness to duty, and to such good use had he employed his powers of observation, that in 1896 the company made him their superintendent. This position Mr. Booksing is now filling with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the company, whose headquarters and main office are at Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Booksing believes that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. When you enter a pursuit, study its details from every standpoint, and learn all there is to learn about each one of them. Study your engine from the largest casting down to the smallest screw or bolt. Know your business in its every element, whether it be great or small. These principles have placed our subject in the position he now holds.

The Bessemer Quarries were first opened in 1887. Here is found a high grade of limestone, which is quarried and shipped to iron furnaces

far and wide; its purity and evenness make it of the greatest value to the iron-master. Mr. Booksing has charge of a force of 150 men at these quarries, and for the housing of these men the company has erected a small settlement of fourteen double and twelve single tenements. An immense and powerful stone crusher, and every other sort of machinery that modern ingenuity can devise, are in use. Mr. Booksing is conducting one of the largest industries of its kind in the United States.

Our subject was married several years since to Miss Lizzie Myers, daughter of Michael Myers of Sodom, Ohio, and six children have blessed their union, of whom three are living at the present time. The names of the living children are: Willie, Lillie, and Cassie May. The dear ones, whom death claimed were: Freddie, Barbara, and Christina.

Henry Booksing comes from a notable ancestry. Far back in the history of the family, the name was spelled Boucsein. The family as the name indicates was of French extraction. When the persecutions of the Huguenots, the Protestants of France, were instituted by the Catholic Hierarchy, and rebellion ensued, the forefathers of our subject were among the thousands who were forced to flee for their very lives. They found a refuge in Protestant Germany, where they were permitted to pursue their peaceful vocations, and worship their Creator as their consciences dictated.

Mr. Booksing is truly a self-made man. Being thoroughly acquainted with the conditions that surround the workingman, he is a fair and good master, and no complaint is made by those under him of unjust dealings with them. Perfect-

ly familiar with his work, he makes a faithful and reliable officer for his superiors. As a citizen and as a man he is public-spirited, and high minded. The respect in which he is held shows the influence which he wields personally. He is a kind father, a good neighbor, and a stanch friend. Those who go to him for counsel find him possessed of keen judgment and a true knowledge of men and affairs. He is an eminent, worthy, and useful member of society in the locality which he has chosen for his life work.

SILAS STEVENSON, M. D., the leading physician and surgeon of Ellwood City, Wayne township, this county, is well known as a man of professional and business ability, with a great store of enterprising activity, that has done much toward materially helping in the growth of Ellwood City. His career has been marked by energy and thrift, and his professional talent has been the solid foundation for his excellent reputation among his brother-members of the medical fraternity. He was born in Mahoning township, Feb. 18, 1845, and was a son of Silas Stevenson, and a grandson of James Stevenson. James Stevenson was born in Ireland, but sought his fortune in this country, the adopted home of many an Irishman who has felt the heel of the oppressor; he served in the Revolutionary War with honor, and at its close settled in Mahoning Co., Ohio, where he cleared a large farm, that is a spot of local celebrity, known at Mt. Nebo. His sons were Elijah, James, Samuel, Silas, and Elisha M.

Silas Stevenson, the elder, married Sarah Cracraft of Poland, Ohio, and settled near Hillsville, Lawrence County, where he was a wagon-maker and acquired some village property. In 1857, he removed to a farm near New Bedford, Lawrence County, where he followed agricultural pursuits; two years later he was elected sheriff of the county. His first wife had died at the comparatively early age of forty-five, after giving birth to the following children: James; Joseph; Nancy J.; Albert G.; John H.; Silas; Mary A.; Martha M.; and Samuel. Of this family only Joseph, John H. and Dr. Silas are living. About 1855, Silas Stevenson, Sr., was married to Mrs. Eliza Sample, and they became the parents of five children: Charles; James; William M.; Francis B.; and Edwin S.

Dr. Silas Stevenson attended the district school when a lad, and fitted himself to study medicine in the office of Dr. A. R. McClure. The preservation of the Federal Union of the United States being involved in the somewhat doubtful outcome of the Civil War, and the calls for more volunteers becoming more and more urgent, Dr. Stevenson left his studies in 1863, and enlisted in the 55th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. This regiment saw no battle. Feb. 16, 1864, he enlisted in Co. K, 100th Pa. Vol. Inf. He was wounded two months after joining the army, being shot in the right shoulder by a sharpshooter before Petersburg. Having received a serious wound in the head from fragments of a bursting shell at Fort Thedden, he was taken to a hospital where he remained until May 15, 1865, and then discharged.

War had strengthened the doctor's sympathies without blunting his sensibility in the presence

of death and great physical suffering, and when he entered the Cleveland Medical College he made very satisfactory progress, graduating in 1868. He located at New Bedford, Pa., and by careful and thorough exercise of his skill built up a large and paying practice. He also owned a drug store there, and held the office of post-master for the period of twelve years. He also represented Lawrence County in the State Legislature in 1885-87. On his arrival in Ellwood City in October, 1891, he proved himself to be the right man for the town by investing his money in local real estate, and by exhibiting a spirit of active interest in city affairs. He has a great faith in the future of Ellwood City, and has been since becoming one of its residents one of the foremost promoters of business enterprise, and a leader in every movement that is started for the purpose of booming the town. He has served as school director, president of the school board, and president of the council, having been one of the first councilmen. In 1893-94 he built a very handsome brick block, 26x72 feet in dimensions on the ground, and three stories high; the first floor is occupied by Chamber & Co. as a grocery store; the second floor is used for offices and for tenements; and the entire third floor is divided off into apartments for tenement purposes. He also had constructed after his own elaborate plans and specifications an elegant residence on the corner of Seventh Street and Park Avenue, and he also put up the edifice on Lawrence Avenue, where he has his physician's office, fitted out in the most complete method; this structure is 18x32 feet, two stories high, and contains one store and two tenements. The

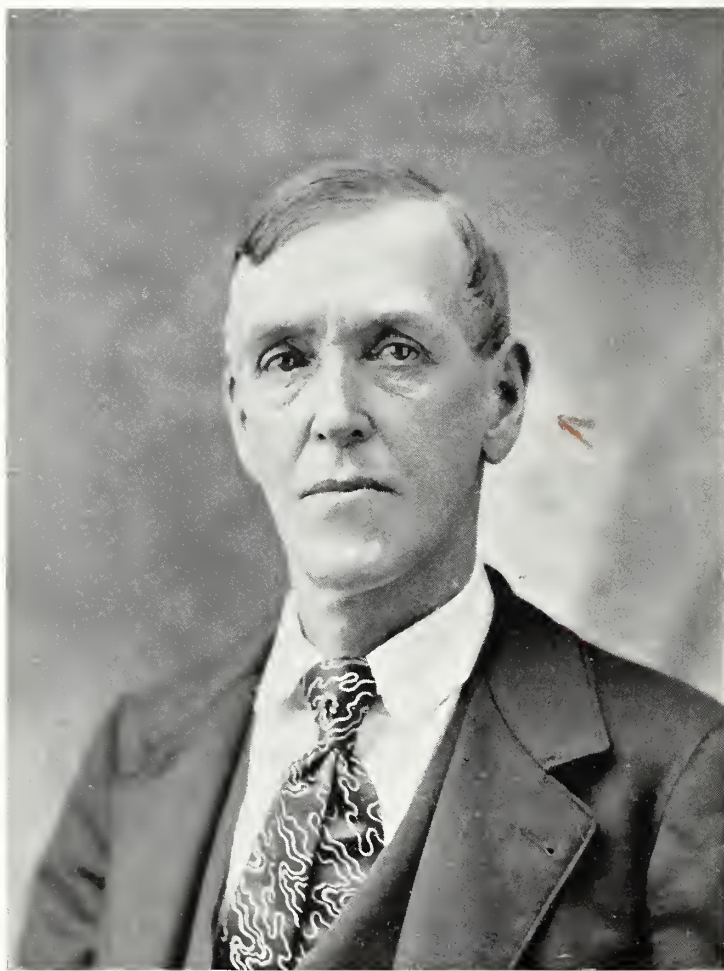
doctor also owns some desirable building lots about the town, which are rapidly increasing in value with every passing year. He is about to build a brick edifice for office and tenement purposes. Among the citizens of Ellwood City, Dr. Stevenson is respected and admired for his scores of qualifications for a successful business man, in addition to his enviable position at the head of the medical fraternity. He has countless friends among his patients, and wins more almost daily by his skill and kindness in the treatment of their ills. As a physician of good standing in Lawrence County, his reputation is unexcelled.

In 1870, Dr. Stevenson allied himself in the married state with Sarah E. Robinson, daughter of Samuel Robinson of Mahoningtown, this county. No children came to cheer their hearts, and being fond of young people, they took a little girl to live with them, Miss Myrtle Stewart, who grew up to a beautiful womanhood, and married Robert A. White, a contractor and builder, to whom she bore one child, Leona. From 1888 to 1892 the Doctor served as U. S. Medical Examiner of Pensions in the Lawrence and Beaver County district. He is now president of the borough council.

JAMES R. PHILLIPS is the secretary and general superintendent of the Ellwood Tinsplate Co., of Ellwood City, Pa. He is English by birth, as he was born near Dudley, England. He became associated in 1894 with the Ellwood Tinsplate Co., and to-day is one of Ellwood City's leading and influential citizens, taking a

hearty interest in improvements of all kinds, and identifying himself with the best and most progressive element of the place. He married Margaret E. Love of Sharon, Pa., and they have a pleasant home on one of the prettiest streets, where they perform their full share of social functions. In 1897, Mr. Phillips was elected school director, and is rapidly gaining for himself a reputation for earnestness of purpose and full endeavor in making Ellwood City's schools inferior to none in the county.

The Ellwood Tinsplate Co. was established in 1894, with H. A. Bishop, president; A. W. Brown, vice-president and general manager; Charles Babcock, treasurer; all of the above residents of Cleveland, Ohio; and James R. Phillips, secretary and general superintendent. In the same year the factory was built in the western part of the city, and following are some of the departments: hot mill department, 200x250 feet; tin house No. 1, 100x50 feet; tin house No. 2, 75x50 feet; assorting room, 45x90; warehouse, 35x250. A part of these buildings were erected in 1894, and the work immediately commenced, three hundred men being employed, and a weekly output of 3,500 boxes being averaged. All kinds of roofing are manufactured and tin of all grades, for which the company has gained an excellent reputation over a wide stretch of territory, the product, however, being shipped principally to eastern markets. The business is placed on a solid financial basis, and has grown to the extent that in 1897 more space was needed, and the following rooms were added: a pickling room, 55x75 feet, an annealing house, 75x100 feet, a cold rolling department, 65x75 feet. The hot mills were increased from



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four to five, and the cold mills from four to six. By these additions the company was enabled to raise the weekly product to 4,400 boxes, and give employment to 100 more men. This is up to the present day one of the most prosperous and most firmly established firms in that line in the United States. Mr. Phillips has devoted energy and good judgment to furthering the interests of the company and of all connected therewith, and the success of the firm is attributed in a large measure to his untiring efforts.

SAMUEL MOORHEAD, an extensive contractor of New Castle in the construction of sewers, and in street grading and paving, resides at No. 201 West Washington Street. He was born in Neshannock township, Mercer County, on a farm, that is now included within the limits of the borough of West New Castle, Aug. 18, 1837, and is a son of John and Jane (McCleary) Moorhead. Our subject's mother was born in New Castle, May 10, 1816, and died there Dec. 12, 1889; she was a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Gordon) McCleary, who died at the ages of forty-four and sixty years respectively. Samuel McCleary was a stone-mason in early life, and it is claimed that in 1812 he erected the first two-story building in New Castle, building it on the plot of ground where the Y. M. C. A. Building now stands. He was also a large farmer, and owned a valuable tract of 400 acres, now located in the borough of West New Castle. In addition to his other lines of business and occupation, he kept a large store, where the Rink

Building is now located on Beaver and Washington Streets. He was a man of unusual business tact and energy, and although he died at the early age of forty-four years he had accumulated a fine fortune for those days.

John Moorhead, our subject's father, was a son of James and Katherine Moorhead, and was born on the same farm as was his father—a tract bought by his grandfather, William Moorhead, between New Castle and Mahoningtown, now within the city limits. William Moorhead was born in what was then Westmoreland County, and came to Beaver County, prior to 1775, and purchased three or four hundred acres of rich farming land in the river bottoms. He followed farming all his life, and was finally laid away to rest in Greenwood Cemetery. A cherry tree some six feet in circumference is growing above him, and has crowded from its pedestal the moss-grown slab, on which is carved in quaint old letters: "Beneath this stone lies the body of William Moorhead, who died May 27, 1819, aged seventy-one years." James Moorhead, his son, died in 1857, at the age of eighty-two years; his wife was a Miss Christy. He was engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature all his life, and owned in addition to the ordinary farm buildings a still-house, as it was the custom in those days for every well-to-do farmer to utilize his surplus crop of rye in the manufacture of spirits. Everyone kept a decanter of "old rye" on the sideboard, and its contents were as free as water. When our subject's father came to the age of choosing a profession or of being apprenticed to a trade, his father bound him out to a hatter on Beaver Street, with whom he served his three years of apprenticeship; after

learning the trade and becoming entitled to journeyman's wages, he gave it up, as he did not like it. He soon afterwards became interested in railroad building, and developed into a railroad contractor, and was known extensively through Western Pennsylvania and the upper Ohio Valley. As soon as he was old enough, Samuel Moorhead worked with his father in street grading, paving, etc., and when of age went into partnership with him, which relation continued until his father's death in 1887, at the age of eighty-seven years. Of the six children, born to John and Jane (McCleary) Moorhead, only two survive: Samuel, the eldest, and Charles, the third in order of birth.

Samuel Moorhead was four years of age when his father moved to the borough of West New Castle, and made his home in a house on the lot where our subject now resides, and where he has been living since 1841, though the old house has been replaced with a handsome modern residence, which is supplied with all the modern conveniences, and furnished tastefully throughout with all those comforts, that go to make a home so dear. He attended the various public and private schools in New Castle, and finished at the seminary, near the Presbyterian Church. After he had attained his majority, in order to further perfect himself for a successful business life, he took a course in the Iron City Business College of Pittsburg. The earliest work in which he was engaged with his father was on the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., near Wheeling, Va., in 1851, that being several years prior to their partnership. Their first work under the firm name of John Moorhead & Son was on the Northwestern R. R. in 1857. In sewer

construction and in grading and paving streets, Mr. Moorhead has executed a large amount of work, of which quite a considerable part has been done right at home in New Castle, and it bears eloquent testimony to his ability to perform large contracts, and to do them well to the satisfaction of the taxpayers.

Mr Moorhead was first married to Ada Alcorn, who was born May 12, 1853, and died March 3, 1894. His second marriage was with Jennie M. Fullerton, daughter of James and Ann (Clark) Fullerton. Mrs. Moorhead is a member of the church in which her husband was baptized, and under whose watchful care he grew up. Mr. Moorhead is a Republican, and at all times gives hearty support to the men and measures of his party. He has served his borough as auditor and as assessor, and has been elected to other offices, but he has respectfully declined to serve, for the pressure of his own business seemed to demand his whole attention. As a prominent and respected citizen of New Castle, we place Mr. Moorhead's portrait on a preceding page in connection with this brief outline of his life.

CHARLES F. BUCHANAN, funeral director and furnishing undertaker of Ellwood City, Wayne township, this county, is one of the leading business men of that city; he was one of the first to locate in Ellwood City as a desirable field, and during all the years of his residence there has been included among the first promoters of the place, active and energetic, almost un-

tiring in his efforts to advance the interests and welfare of what is one of the most remarkable cities of its size and years in Western Pennsylvania. He was a son of Andrew and Rosanna (Means) Buchanan, and numbers his days from March 16, 1850, when he began life near New Castle, Lawrence County.

Andrew Buchanan was born in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pa., near the City of Brotherly Love, and was Scotch by descent. He learned the carpenter's and shipbuilder's trades, and when a young man came to New Castle, and became the owner of a farm near East Brook, five miles from the city limits. He carried on farming there, although never wholly giving up his trade; he was naturally of a strong, rugged constitution, and met his death by accident while he was building a bridge, receiving a fall, that terminated his life at the age of fifty-six. His wife survived until 1880, and rounded out an allotment of seventy-four years. Their children were: Andrew, William, Elizabeth, James, and Charles F.

Charles F. Buchanan, whose parentage has just been delineated, entered a commission-house as clerk when he was sixteen years of age. After some time in such employment, he secured a place in an undertaking establishment of Cincinnati, where he learned the art, and became skilled in the work. For four years he was in Western States, and then made his way back to Pennsylvania, and from 1881 to 1884 assisted Braby & Harmony in undertaking. In 1884 he went to Portland, Indiana, and formed a partnership, which went by the name of Lusk & Buchanan; he retained his share in the furniture

and undertaking for a year, when he sold his interest, and came to New Castle, and was employed by undertaker A. Vandenvort until 1886, when the concern passed into the hands of S. Dunn & Son. At this time, Mr. Buchanan found a suitable opportunity to buy the stock and business of W. H. Braby of Wampum, and he has since carried on an establishment of his own there. In 1890, he built on Lawrence Avenue, Ellwood City, a business block, 22x60 feet on the ground, which is now owned by Dr. George J. Boyd, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of that city. This block was built on the tract of land, originally in the John Hazen farm, which was laid out in city lots; in this block he opened up a furniture store and undertaking establishment, which he conducted for six years, when he disposed of the furniture department on Feb. 1, 1897, and built an office and undertaking rooms on Sixth Street. Of the public works, in which Mr. Buchanan has taken a prominent part, one was the introduction of the Bell telephone system for general use in 1891, and in 1893 he was foremost in having a connection made with the long distance telephone, thus bringing Ellwood City into ready communication with all the cities for hundreds of miles around. Mr. Buchanan acted as postmaster of Ellwood City from June, 1891, to November, 1892, and also served in the city council for three years.

His wife is an estimable lady, formerly Mrs. Carrie Taylor, and a daughter of William White of New Castle. Mr. Buchanan is a member and Past Grand of Wampum Lodge, No. 865, I. O. O. F.; he is also a member of Pludella Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Castle; and the Elks

Lodge, No. 283, of Rochester, Beaver Co., Pa. Mr. Buchanan, as has been stated, controls two undertaking establishments, one in Wampum, and the other in Ellwood City; he is prepared to furnish undertaking furnishings or act as funeral director; he makes a specialty of providing cut flowers. He is peculiarly fitted for his occupation, and faithfully executes the wishes of a large circle of patrons; as a mortician his long experience has rendered him an adept.

SAMUEL P. TURNER. The rapid growth of Ellwood City has given rise to numerous large and flourishing business houses, among which the "Red Letter Shoe Store" occupies a position of prominence. The prosperity of the establishment is solely due to the ability and integrity of the proprietor, Samuel P. Turner, the subject of this brief biography.

A glance at his business life shows him beginning to farm in early manhood in Jackson Center, Mercer Co., Pa. He learned the shoemaker's trade, working at that until 1876, in which year he went to Sandy Lake to engage in the hotel and livery business. Finding himself well occupied in the hotel business, and obtaining a good living from it, he retained it for eighteen years. He was liked by the people in the vicinity of Sandy Lake, as well as by those who were wont to stop at his hostelry as guests, and many were the expressions of regret that were given voice to, when Mr. Turner left for a wider field of usefulness. In 1891, our subject opened a fine livery stable in Ellwood City, where W.

W. Davidson's barn is located. At the end of three years, he erected the Turner livery barn, keeping as a first-class equipment sixteen good sound horses and a variety of elegant and useful carriages. Mr. Turner proved a successful student of the needs of travelers, and he catered to their wants accordingly. When he had built up a fine business and had placed everything in the best of shape he sold the livery stable and contents to his brother, William C. Turner, and invested the proceeds in the store, that is now widely known as the "Red Letter Shoe Store." It is the only exclusive shoe store in the city, and it is really very surprising the amount of business that is done there. Mr. Turner has risen to be one of the men in Ellwood City whose financial credit is sound. He is ever ready to devote time and money to forward the development of the city's resources, and any measure to make Ellwood a clean, moral city meets with his hearty approval and finds him a willing assistant. Mr. Turner is a spirited character, whose membership in the Presbyterian Church means more to him that it does to many excellent people, as he takes pains to live up to his spiritual duties in every sense. As a citizen, Mr. Turner is abreast of the times, and keeps himself well informed on topics of the day. He understands pretty thoroughly the political history of our country, and delights in expounding Democratic principles and theories. On questions of local issue, he is invariably consulted, as he influences a large following. Mr. Turner was justice of the peace for four years, filling the office with credit to himself. He belongs to Ellwood Lodge, No. 599, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

In regard to his private home life, there are a number of items that should not be omitted, because they are so very closely connected with his inner life. He married as his first wife Harriet Bowers, who died at thirty-four years of age, leaving three children; of these Frances married William Lathem of New Castle and has a child, William; Charles is a conductor on the P. & L. E. R. R., having his home in New Castle; Tena married James McCurdy, a farmer of Jackson township, Mercer County, and they have three children. Mr. Turner then contracted a marriage with Mary Peters, whose father was Jonathan Peters. She died at forty-two years of age, leaving five children as a legacy to her husband. Laura, the eldest, is married and is no longer under the parental roof; Alfred and Judson are intelligent, hard-working mechanics; Tony, the youngest, lives at home. Mr. Turner's present wife was formerly Mrs. Jane Jack. She possesses many admirable traits of character, and is a lady who is thoroughly liked by all her neighbors.

Samuel P. Turner was born in Jackson Center, Mercer Co., Pa., March 25, 1843. He was a son of Esben and Rachel (Clark) Turner. There was a large family in the Turner home, and the children were living exponents of the principle that fresh air, good food, and plenty of exercise make strong, vigorous constitutions. A brief resume of the record is as follows: Mary A. wedded A. H. Turner; William C. married Rachel Ride; Hester J. became the wife of J. F. Johnson; Catherine married G. W. Armstrong; Samuel P., our subject, was the fifth child; George W. entered the ministry and married Martha J. McClelland; Milcah P. became the life-compan-

ion of John Hosac; Clarissa W., alone, was called by death to leave her place in the home; Evaline was espoused by M. M. McElwain; Ida R. married R. P. Robenson; Clarence E. selected for his helpmeet Alta R. Webb. The father of this interesting family, Esben Turner, was a native of Jackson township, Mercer County, where he was born May 14, 1812. Going back to his life story brings up the scene often described in the settlement of a new country: the father going out to work, axe on his shoulder, with only primitive tools with which to fell the trees, yet with patience and great effort slowly clearing the timber away from his acres of forest land, that he might till the rich soil thus exposed. By painful, unceasing labor, Mr. Turner provided for his family, and at length became possessed of considerable property, the fruit of his own exertions and sacrifices. He built a saw-mill of the kind used then, the up and down saw; that brought in custom work, and was a fruitful means of adding to the family purse. With lumber from his own mill, he erected a frame dwelling of commodious proportions on the road between Mercer and Franklin, and the house being favorably located and well suited for such purposes he conducted a hotel, becoming a popular host and increasing his acquaintance considerably through the county. This hotel was run for many years, but the structure is now used as a private dwelling. Mr. Turner lived successively in Centertown and Sandy Lake, finally returning to Jackson Center. His life terminated at sixty-six years, the cause being heart failure. Esben Turner was largely a self-made man, and his life was a good example for his sons to emulate. Being a

man of strong religious belief, Mr. Turner never deviated from the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, and embodied them as far as possible in his daily avocations. Mrs. Turner, the mother of our subject, lived to attain the age of seventy-seven.

One more chapter in the Turner genealogy brings to view the pioneer, Alexander Turner, the grandfather of Samuel P. He was the second son of William Turner, who went from Scotland to Ireland about 1760, settling in County Antrim, where he followed the trade of a weaver. His three children, John, Alexander, and Mary, were taught his trade. Suffering the loss of his wife, William Turner remarried, but his choice was disapproved by his sons, who left him on that account. In 1788, the sons sailed for America. A terrible accident, fatal in its consequences, happened soon after their arrival in New York. They secured work on a farm, and John was riding horseback one day, when he was thrown from his saddle, and struck a great scythe, which caused his death. After that sad event, Alexander went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in weaving. He married Nancy Krickbaum, and lived contentedly several years until he was seized with a desire to make a home on the frontier. His wife was not the woman to be daunted by the difficult journey through wildernesses and over rugged mountains. She shouldered a gun, and led the cow the entire length of the journey. Three horses hitched in tandem fashion were burdened with great panniers on their backs, therein being bestowed their worldly goods and, what was more precious to them, their four small children. Thus they journeyed by easy stages past Mauch Chunk and Bellefonte,

crossing the Allegheny River below Franklin, to what was then known as Westmoreland County, a trip of three hundred miles. In reality all territory west of the Allegheny Mountains was known by that name. In reward for their long dangerous journey, Mr. Turner succeeded in obtaining a large tract of land, a mile and a quarter north of the place that is now Jackson Center. Mrs. Turner was the second white woman to come to this section of the country, and being even handier with the axe than was her husband, she was able to help materially in clearing the forest and building the first log-house. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Turner were: William; Elizabeth; Alexander, Jr.; Annie; John; James; Samuel; Krickbaum; Clarissa; Milcah; Esther; and Esben. Mrs. Turner passed away July 24, 1824, and Mr. Turner went to his reward Nov. 20, 1840.

Such is the history as traced from the family records—a tale of hard-working, honest people, who were easily led, when they knew the way to be the right one, but firm as a rock against evil doing. The descendants of the early pioneer are scattered to many different parts of the world, but wherever met with they are known as worthy and eminently respectable people.

THOMAS DUGAN is the enterprising proprietor of the Dugan Hotel of Ellwood City, where he is widely known to the traveling public as a genial and accommodating host, and as a gentleman of sterling qualities. He was born in England, July 3, 1834, and was a son of Sam-



MRS. NANCY COCHRAN AND HER HUSBAND JAMES.

uel Dugan, who was a butcher and a grocer as well as hotel-keeper.

The present Mr. Dugan passed his youth in England, crossing to this country when fully grown and able to care for himself, and finding employment in the rolling-mills at Cleveland, Ohio, as a heater. Then he worked in Pittsburg four years, and at the end of that period, Mr. Dugan took charge of the old English Hotel in Pittsburg, and retained that position many years, and so long was his service there that at one time he contemplated retiring permanently from active labor. When Ellwood City began to grow and to attract favorable attention because of its rapid progress, Mr. Dugan came here and invested in real estate, building an elegant brick block in 1893 that contained a double store, the dimensions being 66x60 feet, which structure is located at No. 948 Lawrence Avenue. In the following year, Mr. Dugan fitted up the building as a hotel, and again demonstrated successfully his ability to cater to the wants of travelers, as he made it thoroughly modern in all of its appointments and conveniences, and furnished it with elegance. Mr. Dugan has extensive property interests, as he owns in addition to the block, already mentioned, considerable real estate and a number of tenements. He has always been ready and willing to further in any possible manner the progress of the flourishing city in which he has become one of the prominent citizens.

Mrs. Dugan is also of English extraction, as her father, George Rowley, was a native of the mother country. Mr. Dugan participates in municipal affairs with his usual spirit and energy, and on occasions when party politics prevail he unflinchingly maintains the platform and

principles of the Republican party. His influence is invariably cast on the side of high moral principles and strict integrity, and while not identifying himself with any religious denomination, he has the highest respect for that true Christianity which impels man to recognize his brotherman in all the relations of life. He is now in the enjoyment of a well-earned competence, the result of his own skill, industry, and perseverance, and can look back upon a well-spent life, conscious of never having done a willful wrong to anyone. He has the esteem, confidence and affection of a wide circle of friends who delight to do him honor.

MRS. NANCY COCHRAN, one of the best-known and most highly respected women of Lawrence County and North Beaver township, was born at Hilltown, and is the widow of the late James Cochran. She is the daughter of Robert and Jane (Miller) Lochlin, and the granddaughter of Robert and Nancy (Anderson) Lochlin, both born in County Down, near Donegal, Ireland. Robert Lochlin, the grandfather of the subject of this article, came to America with his wife, making the trip on a sailing-vessel, and being for seven weeks out of sight of land. They settled in North Beaver township, about two miles from what is now known as Mt. Jackson. Later on, Mr. Lochlin and his family resided in Moravia, and finally moved to New Bedford, where he died aged eighty-nine years. His faithful wife, the companion through a long and singularly happy married life, lived until her sixty-

eightth year. Their children were: Martin, Polly, William, Alexander, Martha, John, James, and Robert, the last the father of Mrs. Cochran. Robert Lochlin, the younger, was born in North Beaver township, and at an early age began studying for the Christian ministry. His health failed him, however, to his great disappointment, and he had to give up his studies for some outside employment that would put health and vigor into his constitution. He chose civil engineering as a pursuit and followed it for several years, finally embarking in mercantile lines. But he soon found this too confining, and accordingly taught school in Lawrence County and across the line in the State of Ohio for a number of years. He died at the early age of thirty-six years, and the grass had grown green over his grave but a few summers, when his wife, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Law) Miller, followed him. William Miller, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this biography, was a well-known and patriotic citizen; he served in the army at Fort Erie during the War of 1812, and sickened and died there; his widow drew a pension after his death. Robert Lochlin left four children: William and Robert, both deceased; John, who resides in the State of Kansas; and Nancy (Mrs. Cochran).

James Cochran was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., and resided there many years. When a young man he learned and became very proficient at the silver-plating trade, and followed that trade for a long time. Later on he turned his attention to farming and bought a place, where he supported himself and family by agricultural operations. He was upright, industrious, and progressive. Success seemed to crown his

efforts from the start. Before many years had passed he was enabled to retire to Edenburg, where he passed away in 1878, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. Cochran was twice wedded before he married his last wife, Mrs. Nancy Cochran, the subject of this article. First he was united to Sophia K. H. McFarland, who died leaving six children: Margaret Ann, William, Andrew M., Hannah E., R. Sylvester, and Mary Ann. Mr. Cochran's second wife was a Miss Jane Needler, who died leaving no issue.

Mrs. Nancy Cochran has always been a bright, active woman. From her father she inherited a good mind and scholarly instincts. She received a good education, and was trained in the art of dress-making and millinery, lines in which she became very skilled and successful. Her bright, cheerful ways have always made her very popular, while her shrewd, business-like methods gained her the respect of all. After the death of her husband Mrs. Cochran settled down at Mt. Jackson. Always of a vigorous, restless temperament, she desired to busy herself at something. She was the possessor of an ample competence, sufficient to keep her in comfort the remainder of her life, but her thrifty habits would not allow her to idle any time away, so she began nursing people that were ill. It is safe to say that no poor, suffering, tortured mortal ever had a more tender, motherly attendant, or one whose touch was more gentle, or whose voice was more soothing. She has taken many elderly ladies to care for. So simple and unostentatious has Mrs. Cochran been in her ways, yet such a power for doing good to them in need, that there is nothing to be wondered at in the fact that she is so widely known, loved and esteemed. Her prop-

erty she manages wisely and well. She owns considerable real estate in and about Manhoningtown, as well as some houses and lots at other points. She enjoys most excellent health, being the possessor of a very strong constitution. It is the unanimous wish of her exceedingly wide circle of friends that she be spared to them for many years to come.

On a preceding page we present the portraits of Mrs. Cochran and her late husband.

WILLIAM A. SHANNON, M. D. Prominent among the successful professional men of Ellwood City, who by carefully diagnosing his cases, and bringing his knowledge to bear in their treatment, has established a reputation second to none in the city or in the vicinity, is the subject of this sketch. He is indigenous to this part of Pennsylvania, as he began life near Mercer, Mercer Co., Pa. He is descended from George W. and Jane (Johnston) Shannon, and back one generation from John and Nancy (Ross) Shannon. The grandparents lived on a farm in Mercer County, although Mrs. Shannon was born in Crawford County. They were people of the persevering, patient type, that make haste slowly but surely in the matter of accumulating wealth. They removed to Sandy Lake about 1872, where they spent the closing days of life. There is a remarkable record in the Shannon family, and that is that of fourteen children, only one is deceased, and the eldest was sixty-three years of age in 1897. The twelve of the family now living are: James, George

W., William, Robert John, Samuel, Thomas, Jane, Emeline, Mary, Rachel, Lizzie, Lavina, and Nancy.

George W. Shannon, the Doctor's father, when he started out for himself, bought a farm near Mercer, where he still resides, and where he is engaged in breeding horses, and in carrying on general farming. He learned correct methods from his father, and sound judgment aided his natural taste for agriculture, so that in time he became one of the solid and reliable men of Mercer County. His name was on the drafted list during the Rebellion, but he was not called on for active service. In his political preferences he is a stanch Republican, and zealously upholds the principles brought forward by that party. His wife's early home was in Pittsburg. They have five children, all of whom are living, namely: William A., the subject of this article; Agnes; James J., a dentist of Ellwood City, Pa.; Gilbert L.; and David E.

Dr. Shannon attended the public schools until he was seventeen years of age. He made up his mind to enter a profession, and after much serious thought he selected the medical as being the best fitted for his tastes, as well as his being adapted to it. His youth was filled with plans for his career, and he took up teaching as a means to the desired end. To better prepare himself for his profession as well as for teaching, he entered Grove City College, and progressed through the regular course, teaching school in the summer, and was graduated in 1888 at the head of his class. In 1888-89 he was principal of the Sheffield school, where he discharged his duties as a pedagogue to the eminent satisfaction of the school patrons. The next year he

resumed his medical studies, becoming a student in the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and taking up his work with earnestness and vim. He was granted a degree in 1892, and at once began his practice in Porterville, Butler Co., Pa. In a few months he was drawn by the superior attractions of Ellwood City, and the prospect of a good field, to change his residence and build up a new patronage. Having had the advantage of late discoveries in his medical training, and having adopted improved methods in the science of healing, he was able to treat properly difficult cases that came to his notice that might well have puzzled a more experienced man. In medicine as in other employments, if a man would rise, he must work, and he will ever find plenty of room at the top. Dr. Shannon is recognized as one who is bound to win; he has taken his place in the county as one who has come to stay, and is quietly engaged in attending to the stream of practice that is converging in his direction. He is well-read, a deep and logical thinker, with good judgment, and keen, trustworthy good common sense. These qualities, united to fine social address, tend to make him popular and command for him the confidence and esteem of the whole community. Possessing a strong ambition, and a high standard of professional excellence, with the sympathy of a noble and womanly life-companion, he is well-fitted to attain a front rank in his chosen profession, and to secure in short time the permanent rewards of a successful career. The Doctor is Republican in his political preferences, but he has not had the time for aspirations in the field of political favor, as he places his profession emphatically before every other interest.

He is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Society. In fraternal orders is a member of K. P., Alma Lodge, No. 420, of Ellwood City; Ellwood City Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 599; and I. O. O. F., Glen Park Lodge, No. 1016, of Ellwood City.

Dr. Shannon was fortunate in his selection of a wife in the person of Miss Clara Koerner, an amiable and accomplished young lady of Allegheny, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Shannon have a sweet little daughter, Marian E., who came to the home on Dec. 17, 1895, and claimed their love and devotion.

DAVID L. CUNNINGHAM, a leading resident and business man of Ellwood City, is a large landed proprietor and a heavy dealer in real estate in the above-named city. He was one of the first as well as one of the most active and enterprising business men from the very date of the city's incorporation, and during the years of subsequent growth has kept pace with the developments, and still occupies a prominent position in commercial circles as he did at the beginning. He is indigenous to Lawrence County, his birth having occurred in Wayne township, where his family were numbered among the oldest residents.

William C. Cunningham, his great-grandfather, was born Oct. 10, 1767; he came to Lawrence County from Fayette County in 1796, and settled on a two-hundred-acre farm, now the property of J. P. Cunningham, where he died Sept. 3, 1852. His wife was Mary Smith, who

was born June 24, 1779, and who passed away on Feb. 16, 1865.

Their son, Benjamin, born Dec. 17, 1800, in Beaver County, succeeded to the ownership of the land, which he had helped to clear, and besides purchased an adjacent piece that contained 170 acres. He put up a log-house, and after his farm was cleared, he discovered that the clay banks on his place could be suitably worked into good brick; so he set right to work, manufactured a large quantity, and built the comfortable brick farm-house, now the residence of J. P. Cunningham. He laid down his labors and entered into rest when he had reached three score years, and his wife filled out the allotted space of three score years and ten. Martha Cunningham bore her husband the following children: Elias; William W.; Joseph; David; Mary; Henderson; and several others who died before attaining adult age.

William W. Cunningham, the father of our subject, on arriving at manhood's estate, purchased fifty acres of unimproved land adjoining the parental estate, where he built himself a log-house, and brought the land into subjection and productiveness with axe and plow. He married Nancy Vaneman, whose father was George Vaneman of Moravia, Lawrence County. Mrs. Cunningham became the mother of Keziah, Slemons, Maria M., David L., Amos B., Sophia, Wiley and Frank, all of whom are living. Overwork caused Mr. Cunningham's health to fail, and he was only forty-two years of age when he was removed from the midst of his sorrowing family, being laid to rest in 1869. The wife and children carried on the farm with substantial success, and met with a fair reward for their

pains, which enabled them to undertake needed improvements, among which was the replacing of all the old structures about the place with new buildings. Mr. Cunningham held a firm belief in Republican principles, and gave considerable time and attention to the consideration of political questions, though never aspiring to public office. During the Civil War, he was drafted, but was not called on for duty in the field of action.

David L. Cunningham, in whose life the chief interest of this personal history is centered, attended the district schools in Wayne township, and worked on the homestead until his marriage to Miss Agnes Parker, daughter of John Parker of Wampum, this county. This second great event in his life having been celebrated in due form, he went to housekeeping with his young wife on a farm of eighty-four acres near New Wilmington, in Mercer County. There they built a good house and barn, improved the land, and lived in peace and full contentment until 1890. At that date Ellwood City was springing into prominence in Lawrence County as a growing young city, full of rich opportunities for those who would but seize them and take advantage of them. After thoroughly looking the ground over, and becoming convinced of Ellwood City's splendid adaptation as a business center, he decided to rent his farm, and to merge himself in with the commercial life of the place. He erected one of the first buildings used for a store, and for two years Mr. Cunningham was engaged in dealing in merchandise on the corner of Seventh Street and Lawrence Avenue, where his office is now located. He has built eight dwelling-houses, all of which are rented

except the handsome brick residence on the corner of Fifth Street and Fountain Avenue, which is familiar to all Ellwood City residents as the Cunningham home. In co-operation with George B. Nye, Mr. Cunningham owns a farm of thirty-five acres which they have laid out for a cemetery, and eight hundred acres in the oil district of Slippery Rock township with Robert C. Aiken. He was elected constable and tax collector of the city in 1892, which has been his only elevation to an official position.

Mr. Cunningham is one of the men who are chiefly responsible for the fine showing of the Ellwood City of to-day; from the very outset he possessed a firm belief in the city's future prosperity, and lost no time in assisting in bringing that good time along with success in his own business ventures. He is a man of recognized business methods, and has been of invaluable assistance in building up his adopted city. He is possessed of acute perceptions, and understands value in realty more thoroughly than many men with vastly more experience in common life. Combining thrift and energy, he has made for himself an admirable business man, and his dealings manifest an interest in his client's affairs as well as in his own profit.

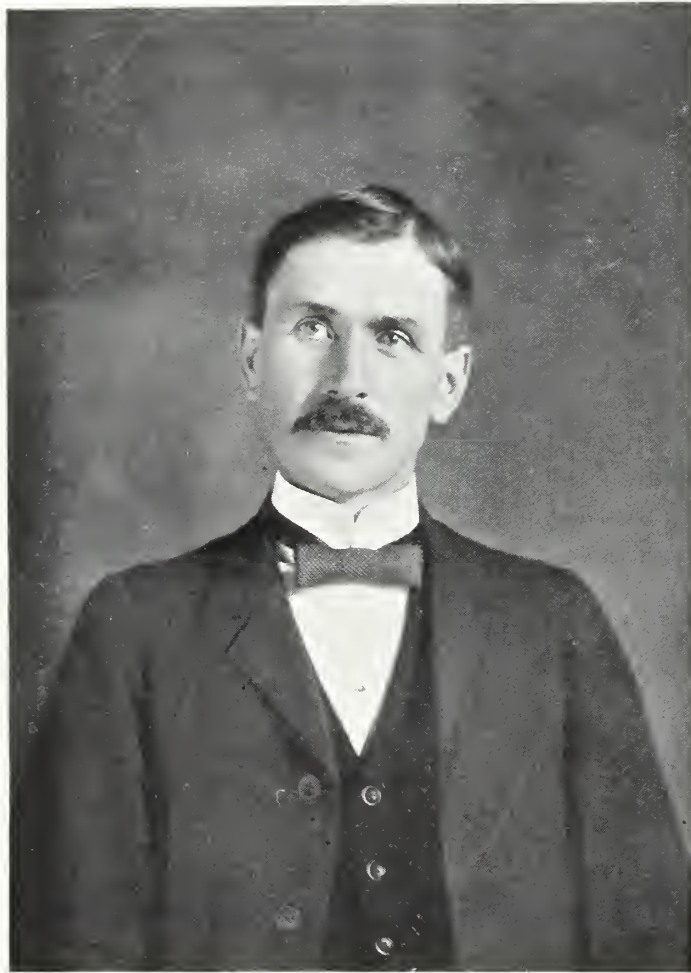
DAVID F. BARNES, of New Castle, who occupies a prominent place among the retail grocers of that city, was born in Lawrence Co., Pa., Oct. 28, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Martha (Van Kirk) Barnes. Henry Barnes, Sr., our subject's grandfather, was a native of Philadelphia, and although born and reared in the

city, developed a taste for farm life, and accordingly followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He married a Miss Cochran, and of the eleven children born to them, the father of our subject was the third in order of birth.

Henry Barnes was born in Lawrence Co., Pa., and at an early age learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which, in conjunction with carpentry work, constituted his chief means of livelihood throughout his life. He was a staunch Republican, politically. Six children were allotted to him as follows: Andrew, born Sept. 16, 1839; Sarah A., May 25, 1842; Caroline, June 3, 1846; David F., Oct. 28, 1848; Thomas, Nov. 28, 1851; and Mary F., May 25, 1859. Henry Barnes was born July 4, 1812, and departed this life July 10, 1894. They were Presbyterians in point of church attendance and creed. Mr. Barnes enlisted in the United States service in the War of the Rebellion, and served four years in Co. G, 76th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.

The subject of this narration was educated in the excellent schools of New Castle, and when a young man secured employment in the nail factory, where he remained about seven years. When twenty-two years of age, he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and followed the same until 1883, when he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, and has since been engaged in a general retail grocery business, in which he has been very successful.

In the month of April, 1884, he was married to Cordelia Rigby, daughter of Eli Rigby of New Castle. The following children were born to them: Edna, deceased; Stella; Carl; Alma; and Erma. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of the Disciples Church.



GEORGE JOHNSON BOYD, M. D.

GEORGE JOHNSON BOYD, M. D., whose likeness on the opposite page presents the unmistakable features of refinement and high order of intellectuality, is one of Ellwood City's prominent physicians. A medical man of no small ability or culture, he has been markedly successful in the practice of his profession, and has won the confidence and esteem of the public by his care and courteous kindness, no less than by his energy and industry. He stands high among the members of the medical fraternity, and is highly respected as a man of enterprise, who thoroughly understands his work, and rarely loses a case. He was born in Black Hawk, Beaver Co., and was a son of the late Dr. Thomas G. Boyd, a grandson of Joseph Boyd, and a great-grandson of John Boyd.

John Boyd lived near Londonderry, Ireland; when he determined to come to America, he settled his affairs, and with his wife, Mary Fulton, and two children was about to embark in a sailing vessel with his wife's relatives for the New World, when it was discovered that there were several cases of small-pox on board the ship. This had the effect of delaying their departure three months until the next trip. The first vessel lost all the children on board and many of the adults by small-pox; as if this was not enough, the vessel foundered and did not reach port as soon as did the one on which the Boyds took passage. John Boyd settled in Allegheny Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming. His family showed unparalleled devotion to the Presbyterian Church, as four sons were ministers of that faith, three sons were elders in churches, and two daughters married Presbyterian elders.

Joseph Boyd, who was born in Allegheny County, emigrated to Marion County, Ohio, where he built the first hewed log-house in the county. He determined to have a "raising," and invited the neighbors, who responded in person, as there was always a frolic when the timbers of a building were raised, and whiskey was wont to flow freely. On that occasion, however, the exception proved to be the rule, for Mr. Boyd set his foot down on having any liquor dispensed, and the men waited about until nine o'clock before yielding. When they did set to work, it was with a will, and the raising was finished by four o'clock, and that without an accident, something very rare in those days. This freedom from accident most likely was due to the absence of spirituous liquors to befuddle the brains and unsteady the nerves. Mr. Boyd always remained a farmer, and came to own a great deal of land. He was a sufferer from consumption, and his life was cut short at the age of fifty-six; Mrs. Boyd, who was Jane Glass before her marriage, died at seventy-two years of age. Their descendants of the next generation were: James, John, Robert G., Thomas G., Mary, and Gen. Joseph F., who was one of the one hundred and nine prisoners of war who escaped from Libby Prison. Of the above family, Robert G. and Joseph F. are the sole surviving members.

Dr. Thomas G. Boyd, the father of our subject, was a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College, and practiced two years in Freedom, Pa., after which he settled in Black Hawk, Pa., where he carried on the practice of his profession for thirty-seven years, and became a leading figure of Beaver County. He not only had

a lucrative practice, but also won the admiration and highest respect of his patients. His wife was Jane H. Jeffrey, daughter of Alexander Jeffrey. Dr. Boyd died at the age of sixty-four from a fatal stroke of apoplexy. The following children were born to them: Joseph A., assistant general passenger agent of the Louisville & Nashville R. R.; Thomas H., real estate and insurance, McKeesport, Pa.; Addison, who died at the age of six; Dr. George J.; Ida J., who became the wife of D. C. Kirke of Leetsdale, Pa.

Dr. George J. Boyd studied in his father's office, and took a medical course in Michigan University at Ann Arbor, where he graduated in 1889; while a student in college he became a brother of the Greek Letter Fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. His father passed away when our subject was still pursuing his collegiate studies, so that on his return home, he immediately succeeded to his father's well-established practice. He remained in Black Hawk two years, and then removed to Esther, also in Beaver County, three and one-half miles distant, and in 1894 came to Ellwood City. In this favorable locality, he began building up a practice, and by his constant attention and eminent medical ability, he has fairly succeeded, and has a large scope of territory in town and country. He has dealt to a considerable extent in real estate, buying a number of years ago twenty-seven lots in Hazel Dell, which he later disposed of and bought the C. F. Buchanan block of Lawrence Avenue; this block, 22x60 feet on the ground, is two stories high, and was one of the first business blocks built in Ellwood City. On the first floor is a store and offices, and the second floor is utilized by the Doctor as living rooms.

Dr. Boyd married, Nov. 28, 1889, Jessie D. Fitz-Randolph, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Fitz-Randolph of Achor, Ohio. Three children have come to the household, but Wilda Fern was called home when sixteen months old, and Helen Mae made a brief stay of five short months on earth. Jessie, who was born in Esther, Pa., on June 12, 1894, is a dear little girl, and the delight of her parents. Dr. Boyd is a Republican of no uncertain or wavering type, and as a representative citizen has been honored with office as a member of the city council, and also as a member of the board of health. He belongs to Ellwood Lodge, No. 599, F. & A. M., and holds a membership in the K. O. T. M.

GEORGE HUNT, deceased. The subject of this brief history was a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Neshannock township, of which he was a native. He was born Nov. 30, 1833, on his father's homestead, where he lived all of his life, extensively engaged in buying and selling cattle, horses, and sheep in the Pittsburg and Philadelphia markets; the farm was known as the Chappel Stock Farm. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, prudence and industry, and at his death left his widow and children in very comfortable circumstances. He was a Democrat in his political convictions, and held the township offices of school director, overseer of the poor, and tax collector. He was a prominent member of the religious circles of the M. E. Church, and for a period of twenty years held the responsible position of class-leader; for his

valuable services in upbuilding the local church and other similar work for the moral and spiritual welfare of his community he was granted a certificate, May 31, 1865, which entitled him to a life membership in the Pennsylvania Bible Society. Devout and exemplary in his Christian life, he was one that was highly esteemed by all who had the good fortune to acquire an intimate acquaintance with him.

His grandfather, also named George Hunt, was a native of Ireland, and a farmer by occupation; he came to the United States in 1795, and settled in Beaver County, where he purchased a farm, and cared for it the remainder of his life. Like most of his countrymen, who have taken up a residence in this country, he was a hard and indefatigable worker, and labored with the utmost zeal to improve the splendid opportunity afforded in a new land, and was very successful in his efforts. He was twice married. His second wife, whose maiden name was Jane McFetridge, also a native of Ireland, bore him the following children, namely: Mary; Jane; Sarah; William; John; and Elizabeth. They were Methodists in religious belief. They passed away in peace, Mr. Hunt dying Dec. 29, 1825, aged seventy years, and his wife, in 1843, aged eighty years, and their works follow them in the worthy lives of their descendants.

William Hunt, the father of our subject, was born June 21, 1801, in Beaver Co., Pa., where he lived until after his marriage, moving then to Neshannock township, then a part of Mercer County, but now included in Lawrence County, in 1832, and settled on the farm, which is now the home of his wife, who survives him, and of his son George's widow. At that time, but fifteen

acres of the farm were cleared, and many months of hard, incessant toil were necessary before the farm reached the state of excellence he so much desired, and which was his aim to attain. He erected a brick house, one of the first of its kind to be built in that vicinity, out of brick he manufactured on his own farm. All of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits, and how well he succeeded is open history to all the older residents of the township who remember him. He was pronounced in his views on political questions, adhering to the Jeffersonian principles of the Democratic party, but he never aspired to political fame or office, seeming content to do what he could in a simple, unostentatious manner to bring about reforms or to advance some needed improvement. He was never known to sue a man, nor was he ever engaged in a law suit. In 1830, he married Louisiana Newkirk, daughter of Henry Newkirk, a resident of Beaver Co., Pa.; she was born in Hartford, Ohio, in 1812. Their home was blessed with the birth of six children; Rebecca J., born Oct. 31, 1831, married Alexander Green of Neshannock township (see biography of Alexander Green in this volume); George, the subject of this sketch; Emeline, born in October, 1836, who married George P. Graham of Neshannock township, and has a family of four bright children—William, Ella, Peter, and May; Henry, born April 4, 1840, married Emeline Smith of Neshannock township, and they have three children—Scott, Louisiana, and Mary; Jasper N., born in February, 1851, married Amanda Frazier of Mercer Co., Ill., and they have two children, Jasper and Amanda F.; and William L., born Aug. 22, 1845, died at seven years of age. They were

prominent in the local Methodist Church. Our subject's father died Aug. 6, 1851, but he is survived by his widow, who lives on the paternal estate.

On Feb. 11, 1867, the nuptials of George Hunt and Anna M. Brown, daughter of William and Letsa Brown of Carlisle, Pa., were consummated, and their union has resulted in the birth of three children: Letsa M., deceased; George L., deceased; and William B., who married Nellie K. MacGavin of Lowellville, Ohio.

CLINTON E. SANKEY, cashier of the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. at New Castle, and a representative of one of the first families of the county and city, residing on the old family homestead, No. 155 West Washington Street, New Castle, was born in the house in which he lives, April 17, 1867. He was reared in his native place, and his common school education was followed up with a one year's course at the Geneva College of Beaver Falls, Pa. Upon completing his education at the latter institution, at the age of nineteen, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania R. R. in the warehouse, and within six months was promoted to a clerkship, which he filled for some five years. After resigning his clerkship, he went into business with Mr Marquis, under the firm name of Marquis & Sankey, but the partnership was only continued six months, for Mr. Sankey became dissatisfied, and sold out to his partner to accept the position of traveling salesman for C. J. Kirk, a dealer in hardware, in whose employ he continued about one year.

On his return from a pleasure trip to Denver, he again accepted a position with the Pennsylvania R. R. as transfer agent at Lawrence Junction, and remained with the company two years, when he became, in August, 1895, cashier for the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., a position he is now filling efficiently in his wide-awake, energetic manner. Mr. Sankey was married in Wheeling, West Virginia, Feb. 17, 1893, to Mrs. Tillie Wiggins, daughter of Samuel Smith. Mr. Sankey is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while his wife unites with the Baptist Church. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served three years as councilman and also as director of schools in West New Castle. Socially, he is a member of the following organizations: Improved Order Red Men, Erie Tribe, No. 252; Fidelis Lodge, No. 460, Knights of Pythias; and Uniformed Rank, No. 36.

The first member of the Sankey family to become a resident of Lawrence County, was Major Ezekiel Sankey, Sr., a native of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., where he was born in the year 1772. The ancestors were of English stock, emigrating from Warrington, Lancashire Co., to America in early colonial times, and settling in the Kishacoquillas Valley in Mifflin County. The father dying in 1794, Ezekiel and his mother, executors of the father's will, soon after moved to Center County, to a place called Potter's Mills, where they resided a short time before going to the Chartiers Valley in Washington County, where Ezekiel bought a farm, and resided until 1800, at which time he changed his residence to Mercer County, where he settled at the mouth of a stream, now known as Sankey's Run, within the present limits of Union town-

ship, and he was undoubtedly the first white settler within the present boundaries of that township. Ezekiel Sankey, Sr, was the first sheriff elected by the people of Mercer County, William Byers having served by appointment in 1803. He was major of one of the Pennsylvania militia regiments during the period of the War of 1812, and was one of two from the whole regiment who would volunteer to go outside of the State and serve. Major Sankey and William Sheriff proceeded to the front, where our subject's grandfather was appointed to a position in the commissary department of Gen. Cook's Brigade, which was organized at Pittsburg. Joining this organization at Mansfield, Ohio, they proceeded as far west as the Rapids of the Maumee River, where Fort Meigs was afterward located. Remaining at that point through the winter of 1812-13, he returned home in the following spring, but was taken sick at Mercer from the effects of cold and exposure, and was brought home from there, but lingered but a few months, dying July 13, 1813. He married Jane Cubbison, who was born in County Downs, Ireland, in December, 1767. Mr. Sankey was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Of a family of six sons and three daughters, born to the foregoing, Ezekiel Sankey was the seventh in order of birth. He was born on the family farm at Western Reserve Basin in Union township, Oct. 3, 1807, and was but six years of age at his father's death, with a brother and sister still younger. With a family of small children, dependent upon her efforts, Mrs. Sankey could give them but meager educational advantages, and how little education they did acquire

we will leave to the reader's imagination, with the remark that the very best that could be obtained in this section of the country then would be considered very poor to-day. Most of his life was spent on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it five years. He then drove stock a few years for a leading drover of New Castle, at last carrying on the business on his own responsibility, driving his stock across the mountains to the terminus of the nearest railroad, and shipping them from there by rail to Philadelphia. He was also engaged for a time in boating between New Castle and Beaver, commanding the Alpha, which was the first boat to make the trip between the two cities. In 1835, he built the first warehouse in New Castle, and in the same year was elected major of a volunteer battalion of Mercer County militia, and held his commission for seven years. For a long period, Mr. Sankey was engaged in railroad building, executing important contracts with the N. Y. & E. R. R., Pennsylvania R. R., the B. & O. R. R., and the Sandusky and Beaver Canal in Ohio. He was a prominent promoter of the Pittsburg & Erie R. R., and for the rest of his life was employed in some capacity on the railroads of Western Pennsylvania. He was at times engaged in mercantile pursuits in New Castle, and for a time was the proprietor of the old Mansion House, that once stood on the southwest corner of Mercer and Washington Streets, the present location of the Leslie House. In the early records of New Castle, during the prime of his life, there is no name that stands out so prominent as an interested party in every enterprise that was for the progress, upbuilding

and future development of his favorite city. Financial and political plans, as well as social and charitable, all claimed a part of his time and attention, and to every worthy project he gave liberally of his means. In 1838, he was instrumental in establishing the New Castle Female Seminary. It was through his influence to a large degree that Lawrence County was organized in 1849. His efforts and labors with members of the Legislature in securing the passage of the bill which would set off part of Beaver and Mercer Counties and form territory to be organized as a new county, were in the face of the strongest opposition, and proved that in the Legislative lobby he was no mean advocate; this convincing, winning power that he possessed was brought into use many times during the rest of his long and singularly active career. Among the many measures secured mainly by his efforts were the bills to incorporate the New Castle Gas Light Co., the New Castle Opera House Co., and the Bank of New Castle, in all of which companies he was a heavy stockholder. During the war he was active in the engineering department, gladly giving his services wherever he could. Being past the age limit for enlistment, he employed his energies in repairing railroads destroyed by the Confederates, and in destroying railroads over which the rebels received supplies. His talents and energies in this line won for him merited distinction. He was a man of remarkably fine and commanding appearance—one of nature's noblemen, born to lead in the battles of life, and to be the instrument of much practical good.

His first marriage occurred Feb. 9, 1832, with Sarah S. Jones, daughter of Isaac O. Jones of

New Castle, and of this union ten children were born to him, as follows: Minerva S.; Charles C.; Eben B.; Laura E., who married William McDonald; Rebecca E., who married Thomas H. Falls; Henry C.; James P.; William J.; and Lawrence and Kate, twins. On Oct. 15, 1862, after the death of his first wife, he married Rhoda Ann, widow of Bethuel Beeman of Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of Jacob Powers of Trumbull Co., Ohio. This second union resulted in the birth of two children: Jacob Powers of Cleveland, Ohio, and Clinton E., our subject.

THOMAS J. McCLEARY, editor and proprietor of the New Castle Democrat, was born in New Castle, Jan. 23, 1844, and is a son of Thomas McCleary, and a grandson of Samuel McCleary, who was born in the north of Ireland, and came to this country when a boy. He settled in Lawrence County, and became a large land-owner—his property being located just across the Shenango River from what is now New Castle, and which is now the site of West New Castle. He was one of the first merchants of Lawrence County, and was engaged in mercantile business at the time of his death, which occurred in 1844, when he was aged fifty-eight years. He married Nancy Gordon, whose parents were born in Ireland, but who, herself, was born on board ship in the midst of the Atlantic Ocean, when many days from land; she died in 1864, when sixty-five years of age. They reared the following children: William, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Jane (Moorhead), deceased;



MR. AND MRS. PETER S. REYNOLDS.

Eliza (Spiese); Samuel, deceased; James, deceased; John N., deceased; Joseph W.; Amanda (Paisley), deceased; Eben Scott; and Leander, deceased.

Thomas McCleary was born in New Castle, and there grew up to manhood, obtaining his education in the public schools. When a young man he embarked in the grocery business in his native town, and was thus identified with its commercial life for thirty-five years, and after retiring from the grocery business was engaged in representing insurance companies a number of years. His death took place in 1889, at which time he had attained an age of seventy-five years. He was a Democrat and always interested and active in party matters, and eager to engage in political discussions. Religiously, he favored the Presbyterian Church. He married Rhoda Galbreath, daughter of Judge Ephraim Galbreath of Blair County, Pa.; she died in 1855, leaving five children, as follows: Samuel; Amanda C.; Calvert; Thomas J., our subject; Joseph B.; and Charles G. He married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Frampton, who died in 1887.

Thomas J. McCleary received his education in the schools of New Castle, and at the age of fourteen commenced his apprenticeship as a printer under E. S. Durban, and was afterwards in his employ as a journeyman printer. In 1861, he enlisted in the 88th Reg. Ohio Vol., Inf., Co. D, and after serving the period of his enlistment he returned to New Castle, and went into the grocery business with his father, remaining with him three years. He then went to New York City, where he spent six months, and from there to San Francisco, where he worked for a time at

his trade. After returning to New Castle, he went to Texas in 1875, where he remained until 1881, when he again returned to New Castle, and bought William Gordon's interest in the Democrat; in 1883 he secured entire control of the paper and plant by purchasing the interest of his partner, G. W. Penn, and since that time has been sole owner and editor. The New Castle Democrat is a weekly paper devoted to the best interests of Lawrence County. Mr. McCleary also engages in job printing work in connection with his newspaper business.

Mr. McCleary married Ella C. Lynn of Altoona, Pa.; she died at the age of thirty-eight and left one son, Paul. His second matrimonial union was with Miss Lillian O'Donnell of Allegheny.

PETER S. REYNOLDS. This honored citizen of Neshannock township, where he is successfully engaged in farming, is a native of the same, and is a son of William F. and Margaret (Gundy) Reynolds, and grandson of Robert Reynolds, of Irish descent, who came to this country from England, about the year 1775, and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Later he moved to Hickory township, then a part of Neshannock, took up a farm, and was industriously engaged in its cultivation the remaining active years of his life, leaving at his death as a legacy to his descendants a well-improved farm ranking among the best in the township and a noble name, untarnished with any suspicion of dishonesty or wrong-doing. He was a Democrat in his politics, and consistently

upheld his chosen party. To him and his wife were born twelve children, namely: William F.; John F.; Betsey; Nancy; Mary A.; Peter and Joseph, twins; Michael; Christian; Isaac; Robert; and James. The family were governed in religious matters by the rules of life as found in the teachings of the M. E. Church.

William F., the father of our subject, received his education in Neshannock township, and followed agricultural pursuits after coming to man's estate in that township all his life. At a later period in his life, he found time to operate with a fair degree of success a grist and saw-mill for the accommodation of his neighbors, among whom he was known as a leading and progressive citizen. His wife, who was born in Pulaski township, made him the proud parent of eleven children, namely : Robert; Sarah; John; Elizabeth; William; James; Peter S.; Cossitt; George; Mary; Seth. A Methodist, like his father, he trained his children in the same faith. He was a prominent and popular man, as well as successful, and as a Republican filled the township offices of squire, supervisor and tax collector. His death took place Oct. 18, 1876, following that of his beloved wife's by ten years, she having died Feb. 15, 1866.

Our subject from the first years of manhood devoted the most of his attention to agricultural pursuits, although he also learned the stonemason's and carpenter's trades, and built a number of residences, among which is the house in which he now makes his home. He enjoys in a large degree the confidence and respect of his neighbors and the community at large. He is a Republican, and has served efficiently as school director, overseer of the poor and as supervisor.

He is not by any means an "offensive partisan," but a genial and whole-souled citizen, and a general favorite among his townsmen.

In 1865, Jan. 25, Mr. Reynolds was joined in marriage with Lydia A. Kemp, daughter of John P. Kemp, deceased, of Neshannock township, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. Eight children have been born to our subject and wife as follows: William J., who married Louisa Bludorn, and has eight children, Bessie and Jessie, twins, Nettie, Nestor and Chester, twins, Amelia, Forbes, and Lydia; Nettie, who married George M. Shoaff and has borne him four children, Paul, Mabel, Hazel, and Merrill; Forbes; Alice; Joseph B.; and Esther A. Those deceased are Della and Nellie. The family are members of the M. E. Church.

The companion portraits of Peter S. Reynolds and his wife Lydia, that appear on a preceding page, add a decided interest to the accompanying sketch.

JAMES J. MENICE is a contractor of Ellwood City, who is chiefly interested in heavy masonry work. He was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 7, 1852, and comes of good Irish stock, his father, James Menice, having been born in County Cavin, Ireland. The elder Menice came to America when a young man, and, settling near the city of Philadelphia, worked in the mills until his untimely decease at the age of forty. The whole duty of caring and providing for the five fatherless children thus fell on the widow, who proved unequal to the heavy task, and followed her husband on his pilgrimage to an unknown

country, passing away when James J., our subject, was a babe of six weeks. The four older children were John, Thomas, Harry, and Cassie.

Our subject being left an orphan at such a tender age was reared and educated in St. John's Catholic School of Philadelphia, Pa. Starting out for himself, one of his first business enterprises was taking the contract to build the road-bed and abutments of the East Broadtop and Bloody Run R. R. in Huntingdon Co., Pa. Then for some time he was engaged in operating sandstone quarries in Beaver County at Wallace's Run. In 1890, Mr. Menice came to Ellwood City as the foreman of the Pittsburg Co., his duties pertaining to the laying out and grading of the streets and walks, putting in water pipes, and providing the necessary facilities for the drainage of the city and for the disposal of the sewage. At the present time, Mr. Menice has charge of almost all of that line of work for the company, and in addition has many other interests. His residence at No. 534 Fifth Street, was built in 1891. Mr. Menice operated the Ellwood City Stone Quarry for three years, and during that period he laid the foundations and furnished the material for almost all of the Pittsburg Co.'s houses, the tin plate manufactory, two glass factories, and a foundry. The finest piece of work that he has executed and which has given him a wide reputation is the abutment of the South Street bridge in Warren, Ohio, which was completed in 1895.

Mr. Menice was bound by marriage ties to Ellen Shields of Ellwood City, and to them eight children have been born: James, Catherine, Ellen, Harry, John P., Mary Ellwood, now deceased, who was the first child born in Ellwood

City, Powell F., and William J. Our subject holds to Democratic principles in political affairs, and was a member of the first city council of Ellwood City, serving as chairman of the committee on streets and sidewalks. He carries his conscience into politics as well as into his daily transactions, and his energy, probity and shrewdness have won him the respect and esteem of all his fellow-citizens. Being a man of enterprise he has always evinced a fitting interest in the welfare of the place of his present residence. He has held various responsible positions in the Catholic Church, where he is highly thought of as a true son, and he is a member of the A. O. H. B.

DAVID P. COOPER, a retired farmer who lives at No. 165 North Jefferson Street, New Castle, Pa., is the son of James Cooper and grandson of Robert Cooper, who was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to America about 1790. He married his wife on his native soil, and four children were born to them there and five after their settling in this country. Their names are as follows: William; Robert; John; Richard; James; Joseph; Peggie; Margaret; and Elizabeth. Our subject's grandfather was a weaver by trade, but after coming to this country, and locating near Philadelphia, he did not follow his aforetime trade, but took up agricultural pursuits; after a stay of four years at the above-mentioned place, he moved to Washington Co., Pa., where he remained one year, going from there to Allegheny Co., Pa., where he fol-

lowed agricultural pursuits the remainder of his natural life.

His son, James Cooper, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., in 1796, and in 1843 moved to Lawrence County, where he secured a farm and identified himself with the agricultural interests of the town and county, departing this life in 1861. His wife, Elizabeth McLister, who died at the age of seventy-six, bore him seven children, four girls and three boys.

David P. Cooper was born in Finley township, Allegheny County, July 4, 1830. He came with his parents when they moved to Lawrence County, and started in life for himself at the age of fourteen as a driver on the canal, receiving promotion until he was captain of the packet. After saving up a comfortable sum of money he took to traveling, and when only twenty-one years old had been in twenty-two States and three territories, and had seen an unusual amount of the world for one so young. While he was on the canal, he was a popular and familiar figure, and it is stated that he knew every person in New Castle, and was well acquainted with residents along the canal and with the traveling public. The period between 1860 and 1862 he was touched with the oil craze and speculation, and was employed in drilling many wells in Pennsylvania and in Canada. In 1864, when the Idaho gold mines were opened up and golden possibilities of the future rose up before those who were of sanguine temperament, Mr. Cooper started for that territory to realize sudden wealth if possible, leaving St. Joseph, Mo., May 5, 1864, and reaching Virginia City, Idaho, Aug. 27, 1864, traveling with three pair of oxen. Our subject walked the entire distance, carrying

his gun, for he thought that the animals had plenty to do in drawing the carts and supplies. Upon his arrival in the El Dorado of his hopes, he found the country to be very uncivilized, at least when compared to the life and conditions to which he had been accustomed, and to hang a man was of daily occurrence. One thrilling incident, which goes far to show how very rude and even dangerous were the conditions of life there, and which has served as the theme of a truthful story, was related to us in substance by Mr. Cooper as follows: Some seventy-five miles from Virginia City was a village, Banic, which was reached by stage running at regular intervals. Between the two places was a canon, where it became a frequent occurrence for the stage-coach to be held up, and the passengers relieved of their valuables at the muzzle of loaded guns. One day, a merchant of Virginia City, desiring to transact some matter of business in this neighboring village, became a passenger on this local stage line; when the coach approached the dismal spot, the scene of many highway robberies, sure enough they were held up in true Western fashion, and asked to "shell out" whatever they had with them in the shape of watches, jewelry, and money, which you may be sure was acceded to very promptly, accentuated as the request was by the shining barrels of some half dozen guns leveled at them. When the destination was reached, the merchant approached the sheriff of the county to secure assistance in the recovering of his lost articles, and was somewhat surprised to meet with a curt refusal to aid in anything of that sort, the officer claiming he had no control over such men! As the merchant desired to take home with him quite a sum of

money, he explained to the sheriff what he wished to do and asked for a guard to pilot him home and help him to protect his money from the highwaymen. The sheriff refused to even consider this, and the merchant was about ready to give up the idea of taking anything of value with him, when he found a man in search of work, and after a few moments conversation, arrangements were completed for the man to accompany him back to the city; he also explained the danger to him, and they provided arms for their defense. They started towards home, and when they reached the canon, the driver was commanded to hold up his hands by the desperadoes, and when the stage came to a standstill, the door was opened by one of them, who to his great surprise found a rifle aimed directly at him ready for action. He was forced back, and they journeyed home with no farther molestation. The merchant studied over the refusal and indifferent actions of the sheriff, and the more consideration he gave to the vexed question the more certain was he that the sheriff knew more about the gang of desperadoes than he cared to admit, and this growing suspicion of the sheriff prompted him to call together the first business men of Virginia City and explain to them the circumstances, and give them the result of his conclusions. They at once resolved themselves into a vigilance committee, formed an armed body of men, went back to the sheriff's home, surrounded his place, and searched the premises. In his keeping was found certain and indisputable proof of an organized gang for the systematic robbing of the people of the two places. No mercy was shown. The sheriff was hanged and his associates in crime hunted down and treated

likewise—seven meeting death in the sheriff's own village and more than twenty in Virginia City. If there were any of the gang left, they must have thought that other places wore a more inviting appearance and cleared out, for no more trouble was experienced with them, and the entire territory made better by the riddance of a dreaded class of people by the somewhat rash and foolhardy act of the merchant in braving death by resisting them.

After Mr. Cooper spent three years in the wild west, he returned to his native State, married and settled down on a farm just outside the city limits of New Castle. A farm was bought by him and his brother, which was later developed into a large limestone quarry; they derived a comfortable income from leasing the property, for they did not care to quarry themselves. Our subject married Annie Casey. In 1890, he built a comfortable residence in the city on North Jefferson Street, and has lived there since.

THOMAS ALLEN. Among the many contractors and builders of New Castle, our subject stands pre-eminent because of his large acquaintance with the work, and also because of the many large and elegant structures he has erected which rank among the first buildings of the city and are the pride of its citizens. Mr. Allen was born in Robinson township, now Stow, Allegheny Co., Pa., March 13, 1829, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Day) Allen, both natives of the Keystone State.

John Allen, our subject's grandfather, was a native of County Down, Ireland; when he

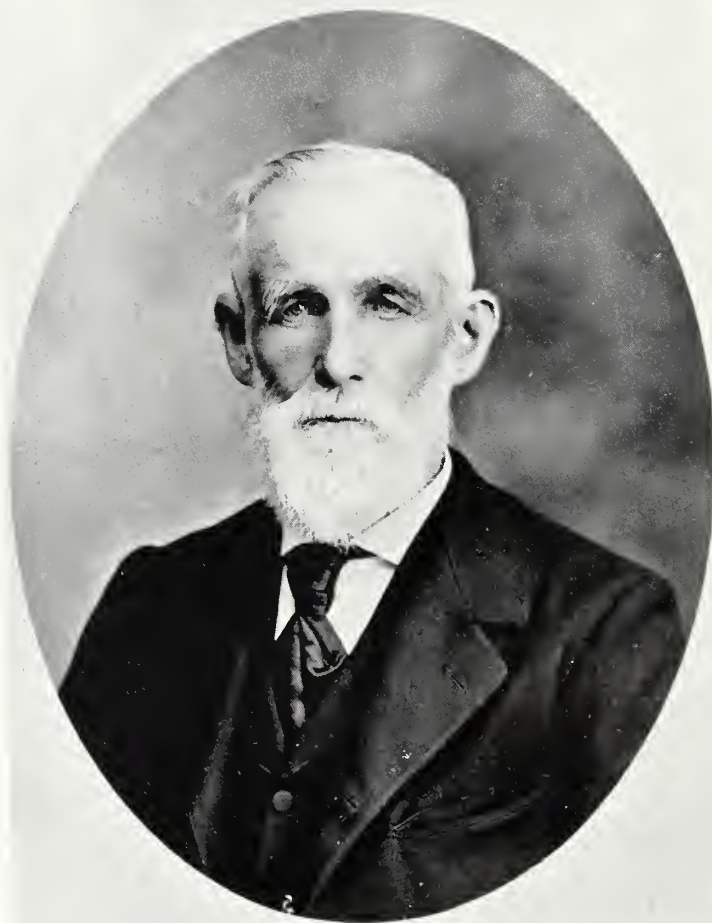
crossed the Atlantic with his family, he came to the State of Pennsylvania, like many others of his countrymen, and settled in the vicinity of Pittsburg, where he purchased a farm, and remained a few years engaged in agricultural pursuits. The latter part of his life was spent in the same pursuits in St. Clair township, and for those days he was considered a very well-to-do man. He married Jennie McGee, also a native of Ireland, and to them were born the following children, seven in number: John; Thomas; William, our subject's father; Alexander; Mary; Margaret; and Jane. They were Presbyterians.

William Allen was educated in the schools of St. Clair township, and, like his father, followed agricultural pursuits to very good advantage, becoming a prosperous citizen of the community in which he lived and very highly respected for his many sterling qualities. In his political views, he adhered to the doctrines of the Democratic party, but never cared to enter the field of politics, and contest for public office. He married Rebecca Day, a daughter of Jacob Day of St. Clair township, and gathered about him the following family: Jacob, who married Adaline McIntire of Lancaster Co., Pa.; John; Jane; Rebecca, who married Bernard Ingles; Margaret, who married George Blazier of Stow township; Thomas, our subject; and Susan, who married Thomas Hughes of Allegheny, Pa. They favored the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's father died about 1837, aged forty years; his wife survived him many years, finally departing this life to join those gathered on the other shore in 1873, when aged eighty years.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his native town, and then learned the carpenter's

and joiner's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years under Charles Campbell of Allegheny City, Pa. He then accepted a position on one of the Mississippi River steamers, plying between St. Louis and New Orleans and continued in that connection eight years. He then went to Allegheny City, where he built several coal barges, which during the war were sold to the United States Government to use as transports. In 1867, he came to Lawrence County, settling at first in Mahoningtown, Taylor township, but two years later moving to New Castle, where he has been very extensively engaged since in contracting and building. He is known as an honest and conscientious workman, and he has the reputation of allowing none but the best labor and materials to enter into the construction of the various buildings which he contracts to build; he has built some of the finest structures now standing in the city of New Castle, among which are the residences of William Patterson, president of the Lawrence County Bank, and J. A. Crawford, Allen's Opera House, the Y. M. C. A. Building, and the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, which is the largest and finest structure of its kind in Western Pennsylvania. The edifice is constructed of sandstone and fire-flashed buffed brick. Throughout his connection with the building industry of New Castle, Mr. Allen has always received the hearty patronage of those who want good jobs by one who will not allow his reputation in that line to diminish in the least.

In 1862 Mr. Allen was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of John Simpson of Mahoningtown, Pa., and to our subject and his wife eight children have been born: John



JOSEPH W. McCLEARY.

W.; Eliza, who married William J. Rudesill of Los Angeles, Cal., and has one daughter, Elizabeth; Jane, who married Howard D. Leslie of Mahoningtown, Pa., and has presented him with two children—Allen L. and Mary; Charles; Rufus; George; Ethel; and Mary, who died in her infancy. Politically, Mr. Allen is a stanch Republican, and was elected to the office of city councilman, a position he held for six consecutive years. The family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH W. McCLEARY, a dealer in a fine quality of building sand, which is taken from a bank on his property, and a large real estate owner of New Castle, is the son of one of the town's founders. He was born in New Castle, Oct. 1, 1825, and is a son of Samuel McCleary, and grandson of Thomas McCleary.

Our subject's grandfather was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to this country with his family, living only three months after his arrival. He had settled in Mercer County, near Mercer, and there left two boys and three girls. One boy died in youth. The other, Samuel, who was born in the same place in Ireland as his father, came to New Castle, and about the year 1810 purchased five hundred acres of wilderness, which is to-day West New Castle. He learned the stone-mason's trade, and worked at it a number of years, and being a practical, saving body, and not afraid of work, he soon had enough capital to go into business, and he accordingly built a house, where Allen's Rink is now, and kept a

small store for some fourteen years, it being one of the very first stores in the town. He then began to clear his land, and to deal in live stock, buying cattle, and driving to Philadelphia, and to towns along the Delaware, where he disposed of them to good advantage. In 1832, he built a home near the Shenango Glass Works, and began to sell off his property in lots for building. His death, which occurred in 1844 at the age of fifty-nine, was from dropsy of the bowels, which was undoubtedly brought on by hard work. His wife was Nancy Agnes Gordon. She died in 1865 at the age of seventy-eight. They had twelve children, three of whom are now living. This is the record: William, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Jane, deceased; Eliza: Samuel, deceased; James, deceased; Newton, deceased; Joseph; Amanda, deceased; Nancy, deceased; Scott; and Leander, deceased.

Our subject assisted his father in clearing the farm, and in attending to its culture, and upon his parent's death he inherited a tract of twenty-six acres, and farmed the homestead for his mother for eight years, when it was divided up. In 1854, Mr. McCleary built a house, which burned down in 1879; this he replaced with a handsome residence, which is a decided ornament to the street on which it is situated. He has sold many building lots, and now owns ten tenements, which are located on a part of the tract that came to him from his father. About the year 1857, he found on his land a fine quality of building sand, and since then has sold yearly about \$1,000 worth.

Our subject married, in 1853, Miss Margaret Workman of West Virginia. She has enjoyed with her husband the highest esteem of the citi-

zens of New Castle, and their friends are to be numbered by the score. They have had nine children, as follows: Lawrence, who died at the age of four years; Amanda, who died when aged three years; Wilfred Wallace, a carpenter by trade, who married Caroline E. Sicafew; Laura lives at home; Mary A. married L. L. Schafenoher; Carrie A. married H. P. White; the three younger children, Howard, Albert, and Maggie, are all young and live at home. Mr. McCleary is a Democrat, and has served fifteen years as a school director. His portrait appears on a preceding page.



BENJAMIN KEITH. The subject of this narration, whose name appears above, holds a prominent position among the citizens of Lawrence County, and is especially popular and well thought of in his own township of Wayne, and in the place of his present residence and the scene of many of his labors, Ellwood City. He was born Sept. 30, 1835, in Spruce Creek township, Blair Co., Pa., and he is a son of Michael and Susan (Young) Keith, and a grandson of Michael Keith, Sr., who was a German by birth, and a citizen of the United States by adoption; so far as is known he followed agricultural pursuits both in the old country and in America. Michael Keith, the son, was born in Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he learned and followed the trade of a tanner a few years; he afterwards worked at charcoal making until he settled down to farming on a piece of property he purchased in Blair County. About 1850, he bought a new piece of land near Wilmington, Lawrence Coun-

ty, where he lived in pioneer fashion in a log-house constructed by his own hands. He worked hard and with indefatigable industry to clear his land, and lived there until a few years before his death in the full enjoyment of a well-earned repose after labor. He then sold this property, and retired to Sharpsville, where he died at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Keith was a believer in Republican theories of government and held a number of the minor township offices. He married a daughter of John Young, Susan by name, and she bore him these children: John; Elizabeth; Jacob, who was slain while fighting on the Union side in the Second Battle of Bull Run; Benjamin; Susan; Margaret and Mary, twins; Eva; Rebecca; and Michael. The mother of these children died at the age of eighty-six.

In early manhood, Benjamin Keith engaged in tilling the soil, settling in Sharpsville, where he built a home, and worked at teaming and heavy contracting until 1892. In that year Mr. Keith removed to Ellwood City, and assisted in the work of laying out and founding the city. The next year he became watchman at the tube works, and since then has been engaged in mechanical work. In 1893, Mr. Keith built a handsome house at No. 515 Glen Avenue, which he disposed of in 1897. He is the owner of a tenement house on Seventh Street, and Vane Avenue, and a house in Hazel Dell.

Mr. Keith married Mrs. Mary Young, the widow of the late David Young. David Young was born in 1834, and served in the Civil War in Co. E, 63d Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.; while risking his life to a thousand dangers for the sake of his country, he contracted a severe cold, which

caused his death in 1862. Besides his widow he had left one son, William Austin, who was born Jan. 28, 1858, and died March 24, 1880, being paralyzed in the lower limbs for three years before his death. For these three years he was a patient and cheerful invalid, endearing himself more and more to a wide circle of friends, as he was a general favorite with young and old. His daily register shows 5,502 visits of friends during his first year's illness. Our subject's wife's parents were born in Westmoreland Co., Pa. Her father was a carpenter by trade, but became a pioneer farmer of Mercer County, where he bought an uncultivated plot of ground near New Wilmington, where he lived the rest of his years, and became a very popular citizen and friend. He died at the age of sixty-two, followed soon after by his wife at the age of sixty-four, leaving this family: Elizabeth, Samuel, Margaret, Jane, James A., Robert, Sarah A., Ebenezer, Mary and Harriet, all of whom grew to be men and women.

Of the family of Benjamin Keith, his son Michael was born May 4, 1868. He attended the Sharpsville High School, graduated, and continued his studies in the higher institution of Wilmington College, where he finished his course in 1891. A year before his graduation from the Theological Seminary at Allegheny, which he attended after leaving Wilmington College, he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church; he now has charge of the pastorate of that denomination in Princeton, Slippery Rock township, this county, and is doing a grand work for Christ and the Church. Rev. Mr. Keith married Miss Laura Palmer, a most accomplished and refined young lady, who has bent

her energies to the work, and is assisting her husband in the performance of his duties, and in being all that a minister's wife should be. To return to the other children of our subject: Susan, the next in order of birth, died when seven years old; Jennie E., born Nov. 3, 1871, was united in marriage with Henry T. Hall, an artistic designer and frescoer of Ellwood City, and they have four children: Carrie L., born April 4, 1891; Clifford and Keith died in infancy; and Eben D., born May 6, 1896.

Mr. Keith adheres to Republican views politically, and votes to uphold the principles of that party with the convictions of a man who believes he is right, and dares maintain it. He is a man well known and highly esteemed throughout his township and county for the many sterling qualities which shine as an example to the rising generation. In all his dealings he has been honest, upright, industrious, frugal and temperate, and enjoys the esteem and respect, which are so justly his due. With his family he holds a membership in the Presbyterian Church, where they are all efficient and valued workers.

JOHN HARVEY DOUGLAS, residing at No. 156 Green Street, New Castle, and employed by the P. & L. E. R. R., was born in Sewickley township, Allegheny Co., Pa., Oct. 19, 1852. He is a son of John and Eliza (Wilkins) Douglas, the latter a native of Sewickley township, where she was born about the year 1822, and a daughter of David and Anna (Aikens) Wilkins, natives of Scotland. Our subject's father was born in Allegheny County in 1822, and died in New

Castle Aug. 14, 1889. In early life he was a proficient teacher, with a peculiar fitness for governing unruly youths, having managed some of the schools that had a pretty bad reputation for their treatment of previous masters, for it was a time when the older boys attended school more for the purpose of annoying the teacher than for any learning they might acquire, or any good they might imbibe from the general atmosphere of the school-room. One of the worst schools, that it ever became his lot to subdue was one that had thrown out every teacher that had undertaken the herculean task of enforcing order, and had ruled the school-house for many terms, he settled on the second day. On the opening day, the pupils were given all the chance in the world to show who was the leader in meanness, and then on the following day this leading spirit was called out before the whole school on the first offense, and given such a thrashing that neither he nor any other pupil ever gave any further annoyance that term. He was a great student and reader with an unusually retentive memory. In middle life, he followed the carpenter's trade, retiring from active life some years before his death on Aug. 14, 1889. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, as is his widow and all of the children. He was a Republican in politics. Our subject's grandparents on the father's side were William and Martha (Crawford) Douglas, who attained the ages of seventy-five and ninety-five years respectively. They were natives of Scotland, and possessed the sturdy qualities of that hardy race; the grandfather followed pursuits of an agricultural nature after coming to America. To our subject's parents were born eight children, as follows: an infant,

who died very young; David F.; Mary E., the wife of John W. Brothers, an engineer on the Pennsylvania R. R.; John Harvey, our subject; James A., a conductor on the Ft. Wayne R. R.; Martha, a dressmaker; Joseph L., a brakeman of the Erie R. R.; and Effie. The three youngest of the family live with their mother at her residence on West Falls Street.

Our subject continued to live in his native county until he was eighteen years of age, and attended the district schools there and in New Castle, whither he moved in 1870, till his twenty-first year. At the age of twenty-one he began railroad life as a brakeman on the Beaver Valley R. R., and was employed in that capacity until 1889, except occasional work that he did in the planing mills in the years 1875 and 1876. In 1889, he became yard conductor of New Castle, a position he held until a fit of sickness laid him low in the summer of 1895. Upon reporting for duty again after a full recovery, he found a new superintendent in charge, who was not disposed to give him his old position again. Indignant at such injustice, his friends secured for him a lucrative position on the P. & L. E. R. R., by which he has been employed since October, 1895.

Mr. Douglas was married in New Castle, in 1883, to Mary J. Robinson, a native of that city, and a daughter of R. Paisley Robinson, who with his wife Jane (Davies) Robinson was a native of Lawrence County. Jane Davies was a daughter of Robert and Jane Davies, who were natives of bonny Scotland, as was George Robinson, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Douglas. To the parents of Mrs. Douglas were born seven children: Robert, deceased; George, deceased; Mary Jane, our subject's wife; Annie (Harris);

William Stewart Robinson, baggagemaster on the P. & W. R. R.; Lizzie A., deceased; and one who died in infancy. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with four children: Austin Earl and Ethel, now in the public schools; Robert, who lived but a few days after birth, and an infant daughter born Oct. 4, 1897. Both Mr. and Mrs. Douglas are members of Central Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Douglas is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and Fidelis Lodge, No. 460, Knights of Pythias, to which organization he has belonged since June 22, 1882. During its existence, he was a member of the Senior Order of American Mechanics. Mr. Douglas has a comfortable home at No. 156 Green Street, where he enjoys the society of his family and immediate friends around his own fireside.

MRS. ELIZABETH MCFARLAND, to whom an exceedingly old age has come, and yet who lives with as bright an eye and with faculties as clear and unimpaired as in the days of yore, is one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Mahoning township. She has in her long life seen the forest lands, filled with all kinds of wild and savage animals, give way to the hardy woodsman's axe, and become transformed into smiling fields covered with orchards, grain, or pasturage. She has witnessed the wilderness, inhabited only by the sturdy pioneer or the fleeing Indian brave, open up into fields and glades dotted here and there with villages of the present day, or the spacious

dwellings and out-buildings of the prosperous descendants of the first settlers.

Mrs. McFarland is the widow of John F. McFarland, and comes from one of the earliest families, who settled in Western Pennsylvania. She was born Dec. 5, 1810, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Smith) Davidson. Mr. Davidson was a native of County Derry, Ireland, who left his native land at an early date, and came to America, settling in Erie, Pa. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and was a popular, progressive, and influential citizen. He died at the age of eighty-nine years and five months, and his faithful wife, who had for years shared his toil, his cares, and later his prosperity, reached the age of eighty-nine years and seven months. Their children were by name: Elizabeth; Rosanna; Robert; Jane; Sarah; and Margaret.

Elizabeth, the eldest, and the subject of this brief biography, when a young lady married John F. McFarland, who was born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., a son of Francis and Mary (McWilliams) McFarland. The father was born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was of gentle blood, his father being what was termed a "gentleman," a holder of land, and a man of wealth and influence. At his death, the widow with her children came to America, being induced to take that step by a son, John, who had previously located on this side of the water. They settled in Westmoreland Co., Pa., where Francis on attaining manhood was married. With his wife and two children, Francis McFarland removed to Mahoning township, making the long and tedious journey on horseback. Here he took five hundred acres of land, and

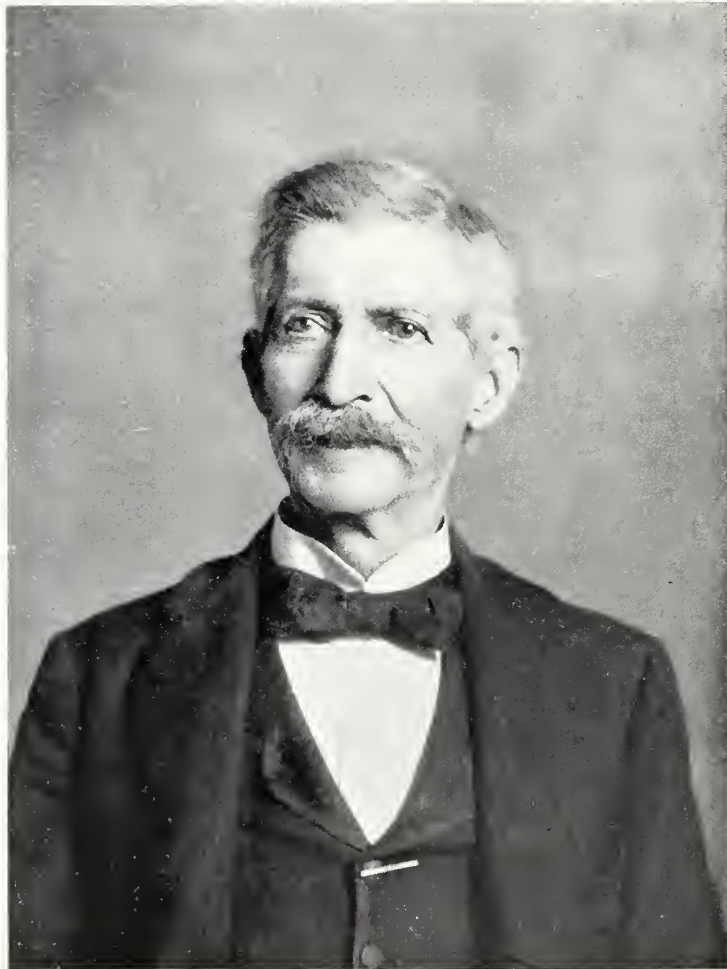
settled down in the fastnesses of the forest with few neighbors, except the wandering Indians, ever prone to marauder. These dusky warriors were happily at peace with the white men, as they never proved troublesome. Mr. McFarland labored early and late to make his estate habitable and productive. Success crowned his efforts and before many years had passed swiftly by he had cleared a portion of his first farm, and had taken up another equally as extensive and adjoining. He departed this life at eighty-five years of age, and his wife fell into her last sleep at the age of eighty-two. He was a very thorough business man, and a most successful manager. Of hopeful spirit and steady resolve, he did much to encourage the other settlers when they were struggling against discouragements and hardships. His knowledge of business methods, too, was invaluable in assisting them to perfect their claims and titles on the new land. He reared these children: John F.; Hannah; Mary; David; Ann; Robert; Isaac; Dickson; Irving; Lewis; and four others, who died in infancy or childhood.

John F. McFarland, the late husband of the subject of this sketch, inherited 150 acres of the original tract; on his place he built a large two-story brick house; later on the foundations of the house proved faulty, so he tore the building down, and rebuilt the structure solidly in the shape it now has. He followed general farming all of his life, but paid special attention to setting out orchards and adding modern improvements. The best of prosperity always seemed to be his, following as a result of his well-directed labors, so that when he passed from this life and its changing scenes, he left his wife and family

handsomely provided for. He died in 1873, respected and mourned by a large circle of friends, whom his ready hospitality, cheery kindness and straightforward manner had drawn to him. Mr. McFarland was a man of character and refinement. His good blood showed in all his actions and ways. His share in the work of this busy world was performed carefully and well to the best of his ability. The success which attended his efforts was deserved, and came to him as a natural result of his methods of life.

The children who were born to John F. McFarland and his wife Elizabeth were named: Mary Ann, now the wife of James Paden; Robert, who is engaged in farming on the prairies of Iowa; Margaret, who lives at home; David and Sarah, both deceased; A. Lewis; Joseph P. and John Q. A., who are both at home with their mother, managing the estate; and Josephine, who lived only until her eighth year. Of the two sons who are at home, Joseph P. has been married. His wife was Lizzie McDonald, daughter of James McDonald; she was taken from her sorrowing husband in 1895 at the age of thirty-six. Both Joseph P. and John Q. A. McFarland are active and respected men in the community. They are, like their father, pronounced believers in the principles of the Republican party, and are in all matters of a personal or public nature worthy successors to and bearers of their honored name.

Mrs. McFarland is now on the sunny western slope of life. Surrounded by friends of the present and the dear memories of the past, she is filling out a life that has been of use and advantage to both herself and every one who has come into the circle of her good influence.



JOHN J. KELLEY.

SAMUEL H. SMITH, deceased, late an esteemed citizen of Shenango township, and proprietor of a dairy farm three miles south of New Castle, was born in Perry township, Oct. 18, 1850, and was the second in a family of eight children, born to James and Rosa Jane (Morrison) Smith. Our subject's mother was born in Perry township in 1829, and died in August, 1864; she was a daughter of Squire William Morrison, who married Harriet Frew, a member of one of the oldest families in the county, who lived to be seventy-two years of age. Squire William Morrison, who was also born in Perry township, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and lived to be seventy-four years old; he was a justice of the peace for a number of years; his father was Alexander Morrison, a farmer, who came to Beaver County at an early day. James Smith, the father of our subject, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1818, came to this country in 1830, and departed this life in 1890; he came across the water with his father, John Smith, a weaver in the old country, but a farmer in America, who died in the State of Iowa at the age of eighty years.

Samuel H. Smith lived in Perry township until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, attending the district schools till he was twenty years old, and working on his father's farm thereafter. In 1878, he bought his present farm of 150 acres, which is now devoted to dairy farming, and supports some thirty-five head of choice cattle.

Mr. Smith was married, Oct. 20, 1881, in North Sewickley township, to Eunice Fombelle, a native of that township, and fourth in a family of twelve children born to Theophilus and Eliza-

beth (McGraw) Fombelle. Mrs. Smith's mother was born in North Sewickley township, and was a daughter of James McGraw, who married a Miss Yeager. Theophilus Fombelle was born in Beaver County, and was a son of Abel Fombelle. Our subject and his wife have been blessed with an interesting family of three children: Edna Pearl; Hattie May; and Mary Grace. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Smith was unswerving in his loyalty to the Republican party and its principles. Mr. Smith was killed April 23, 1897, by an explosion of dynamite while clearing a piece of land of stumps. He lived but nine hours after the accident.

JOHN J. KELLEY is a representative citizen of Ellwood City, who is rounding out the closing years of his career as an efficient public officer, and making a good record for himself as justice of the peace by the legal acumen and calm sobriety displayed in his decisions, and also by the general satisfaction that he accords. He is a native of the western part of the Empire State, although his parents were of Irish birth and parentage. His grandfather, Samuel Kelley, lived in County Down, Ireland, and came to this country in 1823, taking up a two hundred acre tract in Mercer Co., Pa. He was aided by his sons, some of whom were grown up and old enough to help clear away the forest, and to bring under cultivation the farm, which was located on the old "Scrub Grass" Road, twelve miles from Mercer. His wife, Jane (Aus-

tin) Kelley, became the mother of four sons and four daughters—Samuel, John, William A., David, Nancy, Agnes, Isabelle, and Matilda. Samuel Kelley lived to enjoy the ninetieth anniversary of his birth, while his good wife lacked but three years of completing a century.

Mr. Kelley's father, William, married Agnes Adams in the Old Country, just before their departure for the West; he helped his father on the homestead, and then began contracting in canal work on the Pittsburg & Blairsville Canal, also on the extension of the Johnstown Canal, and at length made his home in Johnstown, where he finished a contract on the Juniata Canal, and was the proprietor of an hotel for a while. In 1833, he settled in Mercer County, between Mercer and Sharon, invested in a property of 250 acres, cleared a great part of the land, and built a house, since well known in that vicinity as the "Red Tavern"; later on when the original structures on the land became unsuitable for occupancy or use, he sold a portion of the farm, and with the proceeds went to work and put up a nice house, and barns to match. In 1846, he removed to Platteville, Wis., where he lived on a farm until the '49 gold fever began to excite adventurous minds; in 1850 he joined the train of eager seekers for the yellow metal, and remained in the mining country until 1860, speculating and mining, at which date he returned to Wisconsin and lived with his wife, until she was removed from his side in 1879, at the age of seventy-three. He then sought his old Pennsylvania home, and lived with his son until his own decease at the age of fourscore years. William A. and Agnes (Adams) Kelley were the parents of these children: John J., the

subject of this history; Mary J.; William A., Jr.; Samuel, deceased; James; David; Joseph and a daughter, both deceased, the latter passing away when twenty years of age.

The subject of this writing learned the trade of a millwright, and worked for a number of years in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, building many mills for the manufacture of lumber and the grinding of grain throughout all that splendid, broad territory. In 1847, he espoused Alvira L. Leach, daughter of Hon. Morris Leach, a prominent citizen of Mercer County, who had represented his district in the State Legislature for two terms. The new home was made in Centerville, Butler County, and from there Mr. Kelley marched away in 1862 to join the army at the front, after his enlistment in Co. F, 134th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. He was commissioned first lieutenant, was soon after appointed adjutant of the 134th Regiment, and served four months in all, when an injury, caused by his being thrown from a bridge, intervened that secured his discharge for disabilities. He has since been lame, a state of affairs that dates back to his army experience. In 1879, Mr. Kelley located at Creston, Iowa, where he built a mill, and operated it for a year and a half, when he converted his property into money, and came back to Pennsylvania, where he became the owner of the Mehard mill at Wurtemberg, this county. He retained his interest in that property and continued milling in Wurtemberg for nine years, and in 1891 came to Ellwood City, where he has since resided, and where he has taken a lively and abiding interest in local affairs. He built his home on the corner of Seventh Street and Park Avenue, and again

worked at his occupation of millwright until he retired from arduous labors to enjoy the peace and contentment of home life, untroubled by thought of the morrow. But it was not his lot long to remain in retirement, for his fellow-citizens and neighbors, cognizant of his sterling worth, elevated him to the position of first justice of the peace of Ellwood City, but this office he did not accept at the time. In June, 1894, he was appointed to fill a vacancy, and served until 1895, when he was re-elected for the term expiring in 1900. Besides his work as an officer of the law, he attends to the making of collections promptly and courteously, transacts a general pension business, giving especial attention to this line of work, which he is well qualified to do. He has an office in the Cunningham building, where he is always pleased to meet his friends and clients. He is a Democrat, politically, and as an active, enterprising citizen, takes a deep interest in everything tending for the public good. He is sincere in his convictions, forms his opinions with deliberation, and adheres to them with manly courage and fidelity. In his social life he is a member of Centerville Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a charter member in 1852 and also past grand. In religious matters he is attached to the Presbyterian Church. His portrait we have placed on a preceding page.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley are the parents of a large family, and the members are for the most part scattered from home in various directions, each flourishing and reflecting honor on his early training. Morris L. is a druggist at McKeesport, Pa.; William N. is a merchant in Philadelphia; Nancy Maria became the wife of F. S.

Dennison of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Eva Cornelia wedded J. H. Walker, a merchant of Erie, Pa.; Leah L. married A. T. Snyder of Ottawa, Kansas; Delos Morton engaged in silver mining in Colorado; Benjamin F. is a clerk in Ellwood City; Hattie B. is the wife of Dr. C. E. Jackson of New Brighton, Pa.; and a daughter, Ella, who died at the age of twenty years.

MALCOLM McCONNELL, one of the best known and ablest attorneys of New Castle, was born in Wilmington township, Mercer County, Dec. 13, 1851, and is a son of Capt. Thomas and Jane S. (McComb) McConnell, grandson of James and Rachel (Lytell) McConnell, and great-grandson of Hugh McConnell. The latter was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in the northern part of Ireland in Armagh County, being one of a large family of eighteen children. In religious faith, he was a Protestant, and because of the persecutions directed against his sect in Ireland at that time, he left his native soil, and immigrated to America in 1772; on the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, he joined the patriots, and gave his best services for the land of his adoption. After several years in the Colonies, he made a permanent settlement in Clearfield Co., Pa., where he married, in 1776, Miss Jane Ferguson, who died in 1779. His second wife was a Miss Thompson.

James McConnell, our subject's grandfather, was the only issue of his father's first marriage. He was born in Center Co., Pa., Nov. 7, 1777, and on Nov. 7, 1809, he married Rachel Lytell, who was born Feb. 12, 1783, and was left an

orphan when a child. James McConnell was reared a farmer, and settled on a farm on Piper's Run, but being a natural born mechanic, he in 1824 exchanged his property for the William Edeburn property on the Shenango River, where there was situated a small log mill, which he refitted upon becoming its owner, and carried on a milling business, being located in Shenango township. The mill possessed only one set of stones, which were operated on the Short System, and with this simple equipment he ground all kinds of grain for the few settlers in his vicinity, the nearest trading point being Allegheny. It was with such surroundings he reared a family of eight children, and became a leading and influential citizen. As the population increased, necessitating an increase in his facilities to meet the increased demands, he built new and larger mills, and as he desired more power from the small stream, he set out to invent a water-wheel. These were the circumstances that led him to contrive what is to-day known as the McConnell turbine water wheel; as is often the case, his ingenuity did not receive its reward, for others, seeing the value of the wheel, fooled him out of it. This unfortunate occurrence wore on his mind, and embittered much of his later life. After a while, to secure better water power, he bought a site for his mill farther down the stream, and rafted his buildings down the river, and at his new location built up a large and thriving business, putting in elevators, etc., so as to assist in the proper development of the industry. In middle life he was made a cripple, lamed in his leg by typhoid fever, and his sons practically conducted the business thereafter. Commencing a poor man in a new and sparsely

settled country, he lived to see that country develop into a rich farming, manufacturing and mining district—his own interests also grew apace, his log structure, where he first engaged in milling, being succeeded by a large and well-appointed mill. Owning oxen and horses in large numbers, he carried on an extensive business in teaming, exchanging the product of his mill for general merchandise and grain. Bears and other large game abounded, furnishing to the one skilled in hunting a plentiful supply of fresh meat for the larder; he was thus enabled to recount to his children and grandchildren many exciting tales of encounters, that lost not a whit of their interest in the relating. His death took place in 1877; he was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was stationed on the Niagara Frontier. His wife died in 1859, aged seventy-six years. Their children were: Margaret, born Nov. 16, 1810; Hugh, June 4, 1812; John C., March 13, 1813; Mary, March 29, 1816; James F., March 27, 1818; Elizabeth, Feb. 28, 1820; Capt. Thomas, Aug. 12, 1822; and Rachel, Sept. 27, 1824. Of the above family Hugh, Thomas and Rachel are living to-day; all the rest, with the exception of Elizabeth, who died young, lived to a good age.

Capt. Thomas McConnell assisted his father in milling and received a good education, and has been engaged in milling in different localities the greater portion of his life. In 1842 his father having bought the Neshannock Mills, north of New Wilmington, he engaged in his chosen occupation there, where he met and won the hand of Jane S. McComb, daughter of Malcolm McComb, in marriage, the ceremony, which united them as man and wife, being per-

formed April 16, 1846. Shortly after his marriage, the Mexican War broke out, and his patriotic soul called him to aid his country, and so he became a member of the Volunteer Cavalry, but was not called into the service. As his trade grew, he enlarged his facilities, but as he soon was cramped for lack of room, he, in 1853, leased the Neshannock Falls Mills, where he was identified with the milling industry until 1859, when he went to West Middlesex, entered into partnership with others and built a steam flouring mill, during which time he entered into the oil speculation at Titusville, which did not prove a success. At that period the excitement anent the secession of the Slave States was fever high, and he with others enlisted and helped to organize a company, acting as its commander. He has written a full and graphic account of his own and his father's lives, which is one of the best of its character that the present writer has ever read, and we would like to repeat it here in this connection verbatim, but limited space forbids it. He entered the service of the State April 23, 1861, enlisting in Co. B, 10th Reg. Pa. Reserve Corps; he was mustered into the service as captain, June 19, 1861, and on July 21, following, the division was transferred into the United States service, his regiment being the 39th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.; was on detached duty in May, 1862, as a member of the general court martial. He participated in the engagements at Dranesville, Mechanicsville, and at the Second Bull Run. At Mechanicsville, June 26, 1862, he was wounded in the back of the neck by a shell, and was treated in the field hospital until July 5, 1862, when he was taken to the hospital at Washington, D. C., where on the 12th he was granted

sick leave. He remained at home six weeks, then returned to his regiment, and was discharged at White Oak Church, Dec. 10, 1862, on account of disability. After he returned home to New Castle, whither his family had removed, he followed his trade, and in October, 1864, was elected sheriff of Lawrence County, for a term of three years. He then spent several years building oil rigs in Shenango and Butler Counties, and superintended oil mining. He now owns and conducts with his son James, under the firm name of T. McConnell & Son, the Forest Mills at Slippery Rock, this county. His wife died in July, 1896. There were born to them seven children, namely: Mary A., born March, 1847; Arethusa, Nov. 1, 1848; Malcolm, Dec. 13, 1851; an infant, May 3, 1853; James, March 20, 1855; John, April 17, 1857; and Robert D., Dec. 6, 1859.

Malcolm McConnell attended the schools of New Castle, and worked with his father, learning the millwright's trade. In 1873, which was the last year that he spent in the mill, he became a student in the law office of Col. R. B. McComb, and was admitted to the bar of the State of Pennsylvania, Dec. 14, 1874. He thereupon associated himself with Mr. McComb for one year, and in October, 1876, he became a partner of John McMichael, and for eight years practiced law with him. Mr. McMichael having been elected judge of the district, Mr. McConnell since then has been alone. He is a staunch Republican, and has served as district attorney for three years. Not confining his energies to his profession, but branching out in other legitimate directions, he is known as a large owner of real estate. He built a fine home on

Neshannock Avenue, and in company with P. J. Watson purchased the H. C. Falls estate of 126 acres, and resides there at present; the greater part of it has been laid out in lots, and has already been built on.

Our subject, on the ninth of August, 1876, married Frances Emma Findley, daughter of Rev. William Findley, D. D., of New Wilmington. She was taken from him Oct. 9, 1892, at the age of forty-two, leaving three children: Francis James, born May 21, 1877, died March 10, 1895; Malcolm Findley, Nov. 3, 1880; and Thomas Cunningham, Feb. 29, 1888.

HENRY V. BROWN, a market gardener of Moravia village, Taylor township, and well-known to many residents of New Castle and Mahoningtown to whom he sells garden produce, was born near Tarrentum, Allegheny Co., Nov. 22, 1859, and is a son of Thomas J. and Susannah (Ow) Brown. Our subject's mother was born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was a daughter of Henry Ow, who married Elizabeth Catherine Good, a native of Westmoreland County, and a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Catherine (Munschar) Good. Henry Ow was a farmer throughout the most of his life, although he learned the blacksmith's trade in youth and followed it for a considerable length of time; he died at the age of seventy-five. He was a son of Herman Ow, a native of Germany, who was a local preacher of the Lutheran denomination, and lived to be eighty-four or eighty-five years old. Thomas J. Brown was born in Hulton,

Allegheny Co., Pa., and died in Moravia, January, 1890. He was in early life a coal-miner, but when the oil was struck in Pennsylvania, he became a well-driller, and was superintendent for Brewer, Watson & Co., and lived in Clarion, Ohio four years and a half. From there he moved to Moravia, where he bought twenty-three acres of land well adapted to gardening, to which he devoted the whole into a wonderfully high state of cultivation. During a part of the time when he was gardening, he was proprietor of a grocery store, which he at length closed out, as he saw he could not give justice to his gardening, while still engaged in other work. He was a son of Thomas Brown. To our subject's parents were born two children: Vincent M. of Allegheny County, and Henry V., the subject of this sketch.

Our subject was still an infant, when his parents moved to Clarion, and he was still under the school age, when they returned to Lawrence County; consequently, his school education was all received in Moravia, and he grew up to the gardening business, helping his father. When he was twenty-one, he moved to Kingsville, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, where he engaged in farming on shares for a year or two. On his return to Moravia he was in a store for about five years, and since 1888, has been engaged extensively in gardening, marketing his produce in New Castle, Mahoningtown and Ellwood City.

He was joined in wedlock, in Shenango township, Feb. 25, 1886, to Mary H. Davis, daughter of James and Lavina (Iddings) Davis, the latter a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hoopes) Iddings. Hannah Hoopes was a daughter of Ezra and Ann (Hickman) Hoopes, and her



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great-grandfather came to America with William Penn, and from him received a square on Market Street, Philadelphia. Joseph Iddings was a son of James and Mary (Pierce) Iddings. James Davis, Mrs. Brown's father, was a son of Levi and Catherine (Van Horn) Davis. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife: Emma Frances; Jesse O.; and Leora. Our subject and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brown is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, No. 322, Moravia Council. He is a strong Prohibitionist, both upholding and supporting the party of that name by his vote and influence, and also endeavoring to extend and strengthen the temperance feeling by being an active member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, Supreme Council, No. 83, of Moravia. He is an honest, law-abiding, upright citizen, who will in nine cases out of ten be found on the side of truth and sound morality.

JAMES M. LONG, one of the prominent and progressive citizens of New Castle, and a contractor of stone and brick masonry, was born in New Castle, May 28, 1838, and is a son of David and Jane (McWilliams) Long, and grandson of Joseph Long, and great-grandson of Alexander Long, who came from Westmoreland Co., Pa., and located on a farm just a little south of New Castle in 1806. His two sons, Joseph and Arthur divided the farm equally, each taking 100 acres, and living there all their lives. Joseph Long, our subject's grandfather, was drowned while fording the river at Rock Point on horse-

back, when forty years of age. He was survived by his wife, Ella, and seven children, all of whom lived to maturity and many years thereafter. The children bore the following names: Alexander, John, Sarah, Margaret, Joseph, Jr., David, and Arthur S.

Our subject's father was born in 1814, and learned the trade of a stone-mason; on the old canal he was engaged for long periods, and also constructed many cellars in New Castle, furnishing the stone for his work from a quarry he owned and operated. In 1864 he bought a farm in Mercer County, and farmed there in connection with his stone-mason trade until 1880, when he retired to New Castle, and died in 1885. His first wife, Jane, daughter of James McWilliams, died at the age of twenty-five, leaving three children: James M.; Ellen; and Lydia, deceased. His second wife, Susan, daughter of James McCandless, was born in 1816, and died in 1893, bearing our subject's father the following children: Scott D.; Robert C., deceased; Laura; William H.; and Joseph S.

Our subject in early manhood learned the brick-mason's trade, and worked at brick-laying and in speculating in the oil fields. In 1861, he enlisted in Co. F, 12th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. for three months, and then returned to labor at his trade, and in 1864 entered into the business of contracting at New Castle, and followed that occupation until 1885, when he was elected county commissioner, and served six years. He also manufactured brick at South New Castle from 1881 to 1890, when he sold out, and has since been one of the largest dealers in building stone and sand in the town. In 1897 he again engaged in the brick business in partnership with

his brother, Joseph S. He has built seven houses, and owns several tenements and a fine home at No. 31 Court Street, where he lives. He has been a devoted worker for the best interests of New Castle, and has the best right to be included among the substantial and prosperous business men of the city.

Mr. Long married Miss Amanda Eliza McKee, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Chambers) McKee, who were born in Shenango township, and granddaughter of James and Rachel (Whan) McKee, who were born in County Down, Ireland, and New Jersey respectively. James McKee was among the very early settlers of Shenango township, and secured a good farm which he cleared and put into the best possible condition. His son, Charles, succeeded his father, and became a leading farmer of the town, and lived to be eighty-three years old, dying in 1896. His wife, who departed this life at the age of forty-four, bore him the following children: James; Amanda Eliza; Alexander C., now deceased, who served in Co. A, of the 134th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.; John C., a physician of New Castle; Caroline R.; David A., deceased; and Mary J.

To Mr. Long and his wife have been born three sons: Clarence C., born July 10, 1868, is an electrician at Reading, Pa.; Clyde D. died aged two months and a half; Roy A., born Oct. 7, 1876, is attending Westminster College at Wilmington, Pa. Mr. Long is a Republican, and a member of the G. A. R. Post and of the United Presbyterian Church. The portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Long, which accompany this sketch, add a decided value to the biographical records of Lawrence County.

CHARLES B. STRIGHT of Mahoningtown is an engineer on the P. & W. R. R. He was born near New Vernon, Mercer Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1861, and is a son of Andrew and Maria (Corner) Stright, and grandson on his father's side of George and Margaret (Boland) Stright, and grandson on his mother's side of Thomas and Jane Corner. Our subject's mother was born in Lancashire, England, and came to America with her parents when a child; her father, whose vocation was that of a coal miner, lived to be ninety-seven years old, and his wife attained the good old age of eighty-seven. Andrew Stright was born in Pennsylvania in 1818, and departed this life in 1892. He was a millwright by occupation. In his politics, he was Republican, after the organization of that party, and served his township as school director and as supervisor, being a prominent and able man of his community. He favored the Presbyterian Church in religious matters.

Charles B. lived in New Vernon and attended the schools until he was twelve years of age; since he was sixteen years old, he has made his own way. For eighteen months he worked in a shingle mill in New Vernon, Pa., and for the five years succeeding he was employed in the iron works at Youngstown, Ohio; from there he went to Pittsburg, where he worked in the railroad shops for some eight months. Since June 16, 1885, he has been working for the P. & W. R. R.; he served the first two years as a "hostler" in the round house at Orrville, Ohio, was then fireman on an engine for two years, and on Dec. 20, 1889, was promoted to the position of engineer, which he has filled since, with his principal run from Allegheny City to Akron,

Ohio. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division, No. 411, of Painesville, Ohio. He is conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his exacting duties, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his superiors in the largest degree.

He was married, Oct. 18, 1887, in Orrville, Ohio, to Margaret Miller, who was born in Smithville, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Hainer) Miller, and the union has been productive of three children: Cotta May; Anna Hazen; and Charles Herman. Mr. and Mrs. Stright are regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church, and very popular in the various societies of the church. He is a member of Amazon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 336, of Mahoningtown.

JUDGE J. NORMAN MARTIN, one of New Castle's ablest and best known attorneys, and a descendant of an early family of note of Lawrence County, was born near Neshannock Falls, this county, Oct. 3, 1859, and is a son of James and Sarah (Mills) Martin, and grandson of William and Agnes (Martin) Martin.

William Martin was born in County Armagh, Ireland. His ancestors, who belonged to the Clan McAlpin, moved into Ireland from Scotland in King Henry the Eighth's time. William was the son of James Martin, a large land owner. Our subject's grandfather married Agnes Martin in Londonderry, Ireland, and came to America, probably because of his religious views, as we know that his brother came shortly before him to escape religious persecution.

William Martin settled in Mercer County, where he engaged in dealing in cattle, buying a drove, and selling them in Philadelphia, after driving them thither. Later on he bought 400 acres of land in Washington township (now Lawrence County), and built a frame dwelling, which he replaced, after fire had destroyed it, with a large brick house, which was also destroyed by fire; he then built a fine, substantial set of buildings, which are standing to-day, and are owned by William C., his grandson and our subject's brother, together with part of the original purchase. He was a man of large ideas, and liberal minded, and became a leading, progressive citizen of the county, because of his superior qualifications. He came to America at about the age of 23, and died in 1872 at the age of seventy-four. His wife died three years later in 1875 at the age of eighty-one. These were the children who were born to them: James, deceased, our subject's father; Thomas, who lives at Plain Grove; George, a resident of Washington township; Jane, who married Mr. Vosler; Mary, who married Mr. Mehard; and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Mr. Bockius.

James Martin was born in this county on the homestead, and bought a farm in Wilmington township, when he set up in life for himself; he was a cattle-drover early in life, but as his years advanced devoted his time and attention more and more to agricultural operations, dying at the age of sixty-one, in 1883, from tuberculosis. His wife departed this life in 1880, aged fifty-seven years. Our subject's father was a Whig and later a Republican and an active Abolitionist. In his religious preferences, he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He

reared the following children: William C., a farmer, residing on his grandfather's homestead; John M., a physician and surgeon of Grove City, and a member of the State Legislature; Melissa married Rev. S. M. Black of New Wilmington, Pa.; Amanda, wife of Rev. R. A. Jameson of Apollo, Pa.; Agnes, deceased, was the wife of W. C. Wilson; Elizabeth married W. G. Nelson of Grove City; James Norman is the subject of this personal history; Joseph E. owns his father's homestead at Neshannock Falls; Eva M. married C. M. Forrest of Grove City.

Our subject attended the Westminster College, from which he graduated in 1881, went to Leavenworth, Kan., and studied law with Hon. Lucius Baker, U. S. Senator, and was there taken down with a severe attack of typhoid fever. Upon his recovery, he returned home, and taught mathematics one year in the McElaine Institute. He then entered the law office of D. B. & E. T. Kurtz of New Castle, and after having fully prepared himself, was admitted to the bar in the September term of the court of Lawrence County in 1883. A partnership was then entered into with S. L. McCracken, which was known as Martin & McCracken, and which continued until 1886, since which time Mr. Martin has been in practice alone and has rapidly risen before the people, both in his profession and in the field of politics, to which he is no stranger. He was a member of the common council from 1885 to 1889, and of the select council from 1890 to 1892. In 1892 he was appointed judge, and served until January, 1893, and has since devoted his whole time to his profession. Judge Martin, although a Democratic resident of a Republican county, has made him-

self very acceptable to the voters of the county by reason of his ability and sterling worth, and has been offered many offices, but he is practically not an office-seeker. He has done much to advance the material progress of his city, was a stockholder in organizing the first electric light company, and is a director of the Citizens' National Bank of New Castle.

Judge Martin married Miss Jennie A. Andrews, daughter of Rev. J. K. Andrews of Bedford, Pa., and one child has been given them: Norman A., born Nov. 10, 1887. He erected a residence at No. 66 Milton Street, where he resides, and owns considerable real estate in various parts of the city.

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS is an esteemed citizen of Mahoningtown, residing on Liberty Street; for many years past he has taken the lead in all brick and stone-masonry work in the borough and its environs. His parents, James and Margaret (Warwick) Chambers, were both natives of County Down, Ireland, the mother a daughter of William and Jane (Brennan) Warwick. William Warwick with his wife and family then born came to America in 1848, settling in North Beaver township, this county, where he engaged in farming, and lived to the age of seventy-five years; his wife survived his departure many years, and lived to fill out ninety years, replete with many happy memories, and adorned with many deeds of kindness. James Chambers was two years old, when his parents, William and Mary (Hazlet) Chambers, immi-

grated to the United States; they were natives of County Down. William Chambers took part in the Irish Rebellion in 1798, and had to make his escape to this country; in Ireland he was a stone-mason, but on coming to America he bought a farm in North Beaver township, and followed agricultural pursuits until his death. James Chambers, the father of our subject, learned the cooper's trade and followed it in his earlier years, but latterly followed farming, continuing in that occupation until his death. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and thoroughly believed in the political principles advocated by the Democratic party.

William H. Chambers was born in North Beaver township, Lawrence County, on his father's homestead, Feb. 10, 1852, and remained at home until he was twenty years old, assisting in the farm work, and attending the district schools whenever he found opportunity. He then, at the age mentioned above, went to Youngstown, Ohio, and learned the trade of a mason both in brick and stone work, and as a journeyman mason worked three years in Youngstown and New Castle. In the spring of 1877, he began taking contracts for masonry work, and in 1880 came to Mahoningtown, where he has ever since been the leading contractor in his line of work. Among the largest contracts which he has taken and executed in a superior manner are the M. E. Church edifice, the new schoolhouse, and the bank building, all creditable examples of the mason's art. Mr. Chambers bears an excellent reputation for good, honest work, and he prides himself on the general satisfaction which has attended all his efforts. He is popular and well liked among

his neighbors and fellow-citizens, respected as a man of sterling worth and excellent judgment, and honored for his many services to the borough and to the community at large in the interest of law, order and a sound morality.

Mr. Chambers was joined in marriage Oct. 22, 1879, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Ella Megown, who was born in Enon Valley, Lawrence County, a daughter of Samuel R. and Anna (Andrews) Megown, both of Scotch descent. Our subject's family is composed of four children, namely: Anna; Clifford; and the twins, Margaret and Elida. Both our subject and his excellent wife are members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church of Mahoningtown. Mr. Chambers is a loyal and earnest Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace four years, finally resigning from that position because of pressing work of a private nature, and has been a member of the school board for twelve years. He has a good standing in Masonic circles, and is a member of Lodge of the Craft, No. 433 of New Castle; and Delta Chapter, No. 170, R. A. M. of New Castle.

JAMES C. RANEY, a miller of the borough of Mahoningtown, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1860, and is a son of Almon and Nancy (Bower) Raney. Almon Raney was a son of John D. and Jane (Parker) Raney, the latter a native of Edinburg, Pa., and a daughter of James Parker, a native of Virginia, and a soldier of the Revolution, who lived to be upwards of ninety years of age, dying in Edinburg. John D. Raney was born in Coitsville,

Ohio, in 1812, and passed away at the age of seventy-two years in Youngstown, Ohio, which city he had served as mayor, and was holding a commission as justice of the peace at the time of his death. During his residence in Edinburg, he served his district in the Pennsylvania Legislature. He was a miller by occupation, and followed milling in Edinburg and Youngstown, but had retired from active work several years previous to his death. He was of Scotch descent. Our subject's mother was a daughter of David and Mary A. Bower. David Bower kept a store on "The Diamond" in Mahoningtown, during the days of the canal, and lived to attain the age of sixty-three years.

James C. Raney was reared in Youngstown, Ohio, where he lived six or seven years of his boyhood, and in the various cities and towns in States west of Pennsylvania, where his father had resided during our subject's youth, working at civil engineering. The family lived successively at Danville, Ill., Bloomington and Washington, Ind., and New Lisbon, Ohio. He received the most of his schooling in New Lisbon, Ohio, where he lived for a considerable period with his grandparents, and then removed to Franklin. He learned milling under the supervision of his uncle, Bostwick Raney, familiarly known to a large circle of acquaintances as "Doc," at Franklin Square, Ohio, where he resided some six years. In June, 1883, he came to Mahoningtown, and engaged with his uncle, James A. Raney, as miller.

Mr. Raney deserted the state of single blessedness to become a benedict in September, 1886, when he married, in Mahoningtown, Della Brock, daughter of Capt. John and Rebecca

(McMillan) Brock. Her mother was born in Beaver County, and was a daughter of William and Martha (Marquis) McMillan, the former a son of John and Eliza (Moore) McMillan, and the latter a daughter of David and Nellie Marquis. Mrs. Raney's father was born in Lancashire, Eng., in 1820, and was a son of James and Eleanor Brock. Mrs. Raney is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and warmly interested in all its benevolent work. Politics do not appeal very strongly to Mr. Raney, for his business has never failed to claim his whole attention to the exclusion of all other interests; he is content to exercise his franchise as a simple American citizen, and as a supporter of the Republican party. He has been a stockholder in the Mahoningtown Bank since its organization, and is president of the school board.

WILLIAM H. LOCKE, a prominent citizen of Mahoningtown, and the leading tinsmith of the borough, was born in the city of New Castle, Dec. 9, 1859, and is a son of William S. and Katharine (Floor) Locke. William S. Locke was a son of William H. Locke, one of the first settlers of the county, and a miller by trade; he lived to be sixty-four years of age. Our subject's father was born in New Castle, June 16, 1828, and died June 15, 1888; when thirteen years old, he learned the tinsmith's trade at New Lisbon, Ohio, and from there in 1867 went to Pittsburg, working as a tin and coppersmith two years. From that city in October, 1869, he moved to New Wilmington, where he resided



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the rest of his life. From 1873 to 1881 he was proprietor and manager of the Central Hotel. In politics, he was a firm Republican, and socially he was a member of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. She was born in Petersburg, Ohio, and was a daughter of John and Margaret Floor; John Floor, a tanner by trade, lived to be about eighty years of age. There were born to our subject's parents three children, who were as follows: Mary Emma, the wife of E. B. Hunter of Franklin, Pa.; William H.; and Annie Margaret, who died at the age of eleven.

William H. was ten years of age when the family left New Castle, and moved to New Wilmington; his education was secured in the public schools of New Castle and in New Wilmington. When nineteen years old, he learned the tinner's trade in his father's shop at New Wilmington, and in the spring of 1881 went into business for himself in that borough, and successfully conducted it until he disposed of it at a good figure in 1889; after the sale was completed, he worked for his successor. In 1891, he came to Mahoningtown, and opened up a tin-shop on Cherry Street, where he now has a well-established trade of large and constantly increasing dimensions; the business is becoming more valuable every day, and bringing to the proprietor the reward of well-directed and energetic toil.

He was joined in the bonds of matrimony in New Wilmington, April 14, 1881, to Isabella B. Beveridge, who was born near Edinburg, Scotland, a daughter of Robert and Ann (Henderson) Beveridge. Robert Beveridge in Scotland before coming to this country was interested in

mines, and after becoming a resident and citizen of Pennsylvania was interested in the mines of Mercer County. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Locke: John S.; George W. deceased; and Clara I. The family are members and regular attendants of the M. E. Church of Mahoningtown. Mr. Locke is a member of the New Wilmington Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Amazon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 336, of Mahoningtown; and Excelsior Lodge, No. 121, Protected Home Circle of Mahoningtown. Both in New Wilmington and Mahoningtown Mr. Locke has taken an intelligent and active interest in local matters of interest, and has stood high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens as a man of excellent judgment and progressive ideas. In New Wilmington he served in the borough council, of which he was secretary; in Mahoningtown he has served efficiently to the general satisfaction of men of all classes as a member of the school board.

WICK W. WOOD, the subject of this sketch, was born in Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa., Dec. 1, 1858, his father being Capt. William W. W. Wood, who was shot at the first battle of Fredericksburg, dying one month afterwards from the effects of the wound at Douglass Hospital, Washington, D. C.; William W. W. Wood was captain of Company G, 145th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. Our subject's mother, Mrs. Nancy (George) Wood, who died in 1873 in New York, was a daughter of Clinton George, deceased, who resided near Leech's Corner, about four miles

from Greenville. The Wood family originated in England, but came to the English Colonies in America sometime early in 1700. A history of the family for 200 years or more has been kept, which shows that the Wood family in America sprung from Sir Peter Wood, who lived in the middle of the seventeenth century, and who was an admiral in the British navy.

Wick W. Wood and his mother resided in Greenville after the war, but after some years he moved to New Castle and made his home with his uncle, A. W. Phipps, until Sept., 1871, when he went to Mercer, Pa., to school. Leaving school in January, 1874, he entered the office of the New Castle Guardian to learn the printing trade. Concluding his apprenticeship at the trade, he became a newspaper writer, and has been connected with the local press for twenty years or more. For one year he was editor and owner of the New Comerstown (Ohio) Index, a weekly newspaper, but sold out the business and was employed on the different newspapers of Columbus, O. He returned to New Castle in 1884, and was employed on the New Castle News in various capacities until 1888, when in September of that year he became the city editor of the New Castle Daily and Weekly Courant, which is now known as the Courant-Guardian. He still retains the position. Mr. Wood with William Douthitt, ex-sheriff of Lawrence County, was connected with the Ellwood Opera House as manager for the year 1895. He is also the correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch, Commercial, Gazette, Post, and represents a large number of newspapers in various parts of the country. He was married Sept. 5, 1880, to Miss Tade Clinefelter, a daughter of George

Clinefelter of New Castle. Mrs. Wood was born Dec. 8, 1863, and the couple have one child living, Miss Edna Treadwell Wood, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1884. Mr. Wood has a large acquaintance in the county, and has made a success of his business. The portraits of Mr. Wood and daughter, Edna T., appear on a preceding page.

CHARLES H. SANKEY is one of the successful farmers as well as law-abiding and respected citizens of Shenango township, and resides on his farm near the center of the township, on which farm his birth took place Dec. 2, 1846. His parents were James and Jane (Savors) Sankey, the latter a native of Enon Valley, this county, and a daughter of John Savors, a farmer of Lawrence County. James Sankey was born in Neshannock township in 1800, and departed this life in 1886. His father, "Aikey" Sankey, came from the east of the mountains at a very early day, settling here in the wilderness as it was then. He had served in the War of the Revolution, and he lived to be a very old man.

Our subject was reared on the farm where he was born and where he has spent his whole life; the house in which he was born stood at the foot of the hill, and this continued to be his home for many years, at length moving from it to a dwelling he had built half-way up the hill near the spring. A few years since he erected a commodious and well-appointed residence on the summit of the hill not a furlong from his birth-place. His life has thus been spent from the

very beginning to the present time on the homestead, and that it has been a happy one, untroubled by oppressing cares or burdened by troubles, is shown by his youthful and robust appearance. The farm consists of fifty-eight acres, splendidly situated, with numerous springs to provide water for domestic purposes and for the use of the stock. He gives his principal attention to growing small fruits for the city markets, but also carries on general farming quite extensively.

Mr. Sankey was married in New Castle, March 13, 1867, to Miss Amanda Connors, daughter of Michael and Esther (Smith) Connors, and of this union five children have been born: John, who married Elizabeth Rosbery, and is in business in New Castle; William P., who is farming with his father; Maude Marie, the wife of Henry A. Anderson, a carpenter residing in New Castle; Essie May; and Edna Curl. Mrs. Sankey and her daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Greenwood. In his politics, Mr. Sankey is a conscientious Republican, and votes to uphold the principles of that party with the convictions of a man who believes he is right, and dares to maintain his stand; he has served his native township as school director and as assessor. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Sankey has just opened a valuable coal mine, located about one-quarter mile from his residence, and within 100 feet from the highway. The vein is about twenty-four inches thick, of as fine a quality of coal as can be found in Western Pennsylvania, and he finds ready sale for the same in New Castle, Pa.

ALEXANDER HOUGH, foreman of the Dilworth Paper Co. of New Castle, Pa., was born in Fayette Co., Pa., May 4, 1847, and is a son of Lewis and Francis (Regan) Hough, both natives of Westmoreland Co., Pa.

Our subject's grandfather, Peter Hough, was born in Grant Co., Pa., and was a farmer by occupation, but also operated a still for many years of his life. There were a number of children born to him and his wife, of whom Lewis, our subject's father, was the youngest of seven sons. Peter was a stanch Democrat, and a member of the Methodist Church.

Lewis Hough was educated in the district schools of South Huntington township, and was engaged at farming all his life, and was considered by his neighbors and those best acquainted with him to be very successful in his work and might well have been called prosperous for his day. He was originally a Democrat, but latterly voted the Whig ticket. He married Frances M. Regan, daughter of Alexander Regan of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and eight children blessed their union, namely: Sampson, deceased; Louisa; Alexander, our subject; Catherine; Henry; Fannie; Isa; and Louis. The family were faithful to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject's father departed this life in 1882, aged sixty-five years, and his life-long helpmeet followed him across the River of Death to the other shore in 1891, when aged seventy-one years.

Our subject's education was limited to what he was enabled to obtain in the district school of his native township; he worked on a farm until 1862, when he engaged in the manufacture of paper in West Newton, Pa., having charge

of the mill for fifteen years. In 1882, Mr. Hough moved to Beaver Falls, Pa., where he superintended until 1888 a paper mill for the Dilworth Paper Co. In 1888, he came to New Castle, and is employed as superintendent or foreman of the company's mill there; Mr. Hough is one of the stockholders in the company. They manufacture sack and express paper. Although not active in politics, and no seeker after political honor and emolument, he votes the Republican ticket and contents himself with thus having performed his duty.

In 1872, Mr. Hough married Martha Bales, daughter of Thomas J. Bales of West Newton, Pa. This union has been blessed with four children, namely: Laura; Blanche, deceased; Nora; and Kurney. The family favor the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Hough and daughters are members in good standing. Our subject is a member of the Royal Ancanum of New Castle.



ISAAC P. DEAN, a member of the prominent grocery and commissison house of Dean & Wyrie of the city of New Castle, was born in Scott township, Lawrence County, Sept. 25, 1852, and is a son of Zechariah and Sarah (Dean) Dean, and grandson of Jacob Dean. Our subject's grandfather and his grandmother, who was a Miss Lovell previous to her marriage, were natives of Maryland, where they were married, and whence they came to Scott township, this county, where they bought a farm about two miles from where the village of Harlansburg is now located. Their first years of residence in

their new home were spent in true pioneer fashion, living in a log-cabin, and being occupied the greater part of the time in clearing the land, and in making such other improvements as would enable them to secure a reasonably fair subsistence from the virgin soil, and to lay up a little for a rainy day. As times grew better, and the country became more settled, their worldly condition noticeably improved, and they were soon able to discard their log-cabin for a brick dwelling, which Mr. Dean constructed from brick made on his own farm, which farm is now owned by his son, Simeon. They reared their children there, and passed their last years in peaceful content, and in the enjoyment of the many blessings vouchsafed to them by an All-wise Providence. Their children were named: Simeon; Isaac; Enoch and Amon; Zechariah; Anthea; Mary; Sarah Ann; and Mrs. Braden, who died many years ago.

Our subject's father was born on the homestead, and was given fifty acres of land to make a start in life, to which he added 100 acres of land, adjoining the original tract. He was a very hard worker, his over-exertions probably bringing on his death at the age of fifty-eight with consumption; his whole attention seemingly being given to the improvements of the land, it is no great wonder that he accomplished so much as he did, and made his farm one of the most productive as well as finely equipped farms in the township. His wife is still living. Their children were: Mary J., deceased, who married R. C. G. White; Isaac P., the subject of this narration; Jacob J., who is a large and successful grocer of New Castle; and Benjamin F., an attorney of New Castle.

Our subject was apprenticed to the harness-making trade, and served three years, but disliking that occupation he entered into the grocery business with R. C. G. White, under the firm name of White & Dean, continuing in that connection until 1883, when the partnership was dissolved. He was then associated with J. A. Hineman in the grocery business at Harlansburg. After this our subject bought the homestead, and carried on farming seven years, acquiring an enviable reputation as a model farmer; he still owns the farm, which he rented in 1891, and came to New Castle, where with J. H. Preston he carried on a commission business at No. 74 Pittsburg Street. Jan. 1, 1897, he bought a one-half interest in the business of R. W. Wyrle, and at their store on Walnut Street, New Castle, under the firm name of Dean & Wyrle, they not only attend to the wants of large retail patronage in groceries, but they also do a large business in handling country produce, making a specialty of butter and eggs.

Mr. Dean married Louise Gillespie, daughter of John Gillespie of this county, and Scott township, and to them have been given five children, as follows: Florence, who married Henry Klee of New Castle, and has two children, Edmond and Catherine; Charles, who married Josephine Pile and has two children, Louis and Dorothy, is shipping clerk in Dean's wholesale house; Herbert, a clerk of New Castle, married Minnie Smith, and has one child, Helene; Blanch is a bookkeeper; Ezma is a student. Mr. Dean has been school director and town treasurer and is a member of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

DAVID S. MORRIS, one of New Castle's prominent, leading attorneys, and a large owner of real estate, was born in Meadville, Pa., and is a son of Levi L. and Nancy (McKnight) Morris, and a grandson of David and Ann Morris—his father's birthplace being near Cardigan, Wales. About the year 1800 our subject's grandparents emigrated from their native shores and settled first on a farm, near Utica, N. Y., remaining there until 1813, when they came to Crawford Co., Pa., and bought a farm near Meadville, where they spent the remainder of their years, and reared their family of children. David Morris was a volunteer in the War of 1812. He was of a very progressive nature, and provided liberally for his family of nine children, who all grew up to worthy men and women, respected members of the communities in which they spent their lives, and proud of their Welsh ancestry. David Morris and his noble wife both lived to a good old age, the husband dying at about eighty-five years of age. The children were named as follows: John; Levi Lewis; Richard; David; Elenor; Mary; Martha; Ann; and Jane.

Levi L. Morris received a good old-fashioned training in the schools of the day, learned the carpenter's trade, and settled at Meadville, Pa., where he became a contractor, and was engaged in the building industry, until his health failed and he went South to recuperate. Between the years 1836 and 1838, he took the contract for the Court Houses in Yazoo and Carroll Counties, Miss., and completed the work with entire satisfaction. He was taken sick with a fever at Carrollton, and died at the age of forty. His wife lived to be eighty-five years old, and was the

mother of five children as follows: David S.; Mary J.; Phoebe E.; James L.; and John F.

David S. Morris attended the Allegheny College, from which he graduated in 1843, and then became a student in the law office of Hon. H. L. Richmond of Meadville, but instead of finishing his preparation for the practice of his profession, he became interested in manufacturing, and with Anthony Henderson, under the firm name of Henderson & Morris, built and conducted at Croton, Pa., the first window glass manufactory west of Pittsburg, in 1848. This company was re-organized under the name of Croton Glass Co., Limited, employing about 200 men; in 1854, our subject retired from that line of business, and sold all his interest in the plant. During this time, the company also ran a general store where Brown & Hamilton's store is now. In 1855, Mr. Morris was appointed by the government as mail agent to California, but soon decided to return and finish his legal studies; acting upon this determination, he was accordingly admitted to the bar in 1856 at New Castle, and since then has practiced alone, with the exception of three or four years in the eighties, when he was associated with Albert Harbison. His practice has been general, and has extended into every department of law and jurisprudence.

Outside of his profession, Mr. Morris has ever continued to take a very active interest in the progress of New Castle, and was one of the incorporators of the New Castle Iron Co., manufacturers of sheet iron, and retained the position of secretary for a long term of years. He is also a large stockholder of the New Castle Electric Light Company, and besides building himself a house at the corner of Grant and Beaver

Streets, he has dealt extensively in real estate, and owns several tenements to-day. Our subject's politics are Democratic, as were his father's, and he is a staunch supporter of the cause of temperance. From 1876 to 1888 he was in the city council, serving eleven years as the president of the select council. He was school controller for one term in 1875.

He married Miss Lide A. Loy, daughter of Martin Loy, and to them were given two children, one of whom died in infancy. The surviving child, Anne L., married John M. Butz.

IRWIN RHODES, an engineer on the Pennsylvania R. R., living at Mahoningtown, was born in that borough, April 21, 1859. He is a son of David and Helen M. (Shafer) Rhodes, and a grandson of Solomon and Rebecca (Bender) Rhodes. Rebecca Bender was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., July 10, 1810, and married her husband Nov. 11, 1828; she bore her husband eight children; she was a daughter of David Bender, who moved from Lancaster County to Lawrence County, where he bought a farm near Mahoningtown and was engaged in farming until his death at the age of seventy. Solomon Rhodes was born in York Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1801, and in early life was a miller, but later in life owned and operated a farm. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and in 1818 crossed the mountains and became a resident of Lawrence County, buying a farm in North Beaver township, where he lived until his death at the age of sixty-two years.



WILLIAM MONCRIEF.

David Rhodes lived in Lancaster County until thirteen years of age, when the family came to Beaver (now Lawrence) County. At the age of eighteen he learned the carpenter's trade, and in subsequent years became one of the most extensive contractors and builders in the borough of Mahoningtown, being associated with his brothers in building at least one-half of the houses under construction during the period of their activity. At the time of the building of the New Castle & Beaver Valley R. R., he was appointed superintendent of construction, and built the depots along the line of the road. He is a staunch Republican, and much interested in local politics. He and his wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Church. They were joined in marriage June 9, 1858. She was a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Cameron) Shafer, the latter of Scotch-Irish descent and a daughter of Allan and Elizabeth Cameron. Peter Shafer, who was a son of Christopher and Elizabeth Shafer, lived to attain the age of eighty-two years, dying in 1884. All of David Rhodes' four sons are interested in railroad work; they are: Irwin, the subject of this sketch; Peter S., a train dispatcher for the Pennsylvania R. R., living at Mahoningtown, whose life history appears on another page; Charles W., a baggage-master, living in Mahoningtown; and David D., who is a fireman with headquarters at home in Mahoningtown.

Irwin Rhodes attended the schools of Mahoningtown borough until he was fourteen years of age, when he began work in a quarry, where he remained four or five years. He then secured a position in Wallace's mill, where he was employed two years, and for the five succeeding

years worked in Raney's mill. After a short time with his father in carpentry work, he started out on his railroad career, beginning at the bottom of the ladder as a section-hand, and was then on a gravel-train for a year. He next became a brakeman, and after three years became a fireman, serving in that capacity for two years and three months, and being rewarded for faithful and continuous service by being appointed an engineer Dec. 6, 1888.

He was married, June 29, 1881, in Mahoningtown, to Emma Pitzer, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Sutton) Pitzer; Henry Pitzer was a son of John and Elizabeth (Ginter) Pitzer. Two children are the fruit of our subject's marriage: Clarence Frisbee, deceased; and David Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are members of the M. E. Church of Mahoningtown. Mr. Rhodes is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Volunteer Relief Corps of the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines.

WILLIAM MONCREIF, Burgess of West New Castle, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in Bridgeton, N. J., Aug. 22, 1830, and is a son of Hugh Moncreif, who was also born in the same place.

Our subject's father was a hatter by trade, and served his full apprenticeship with Mr. Johnson of Bridgeton; he worked at this trade only a few years, for his health suffered noticeably from the confining, indoor nature of the employment, and he accordingly drifted into other channels of industrial work, becoming at last a brick-maker, which remained his vocation through the

remainder of his life. He lived to be eighty years old. He married Clarissa Bacon of Greenwich, N. J., who died at the age of ninety-four years, and reared the following ten children: Benjamin, who died in New Castle; Carolina (Foster); Robert, now a resident of Bridgeton, N. J.; an infant deceased; Mary, who died at the age of eighteen; William, the subject of this notice; Franklin, now in Vineland, N. J.; Rachel (Loper); Hugh, now in Bridgeton; and Horace, deceased.

At the age of thirteen years, our subject started out in life for himself, beginning at that age a three years' apprenticeship in a nail factory at Bridgeton, in 1843. Upon learning the trade, he went to Phoenix, Pa., where he remained for a year, then to Norristown, Pa., and then to Booneton, N. J., in which place he remained eleven years working at his trade. In the spring of 1861, he enlisted in Co. F, 3rd Reg. N. J. Vol. Inf., and served three years and three months in the late war; the regiment formed a part of the First Brigade, which was attached to the First Division of the Sixth Army Corps. After he returned from the fighting at the front, he made Bridgeton his home until 1872, when he moved to Pittsburg, Pa., and worked in a nail factory until 1875, when he came to New Castle, and worked in the factories until 1888, when he was compelled to leave his trade because of poor health, and to engage in some lighter employment. He conducted a confectionery store at No. 67 Cemetery Street, where he also lived, until its destruction by fire March 24, 1897. He is now retired.

Mr. Moncreif married, as his first wife, Sarah Millington, who died in 1860, leaving two chil-

dren: Rachel A. (Sutton); and Hattie E. A number of years after the decease of his first wife, he formed a second matrimonial union with Mary Miller of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Moncreif is a member of the Union Veteran Legion, and was elected burgess of West New Castle in the spring of 1897. Among his fellow-citizens he is a deservedly popular man, for he is a simple, unostentatious man, whose good points became more attractive and noticeable upon closer acquaintance. His faithfulness and the strict attention he gives to the work that lies before him have always made him well liked by his employers, and assisted in bringing to him a good custom in his trade.

ROBERT C. AIKEN, a respected and honored resident of Ellwood City, whose business associations identify him with the leading real estate interests of that thriving community, is a son of Alexander Aiken, who was born near Baltimore, Md. When eighteen years of age, Alexander Aiken came to Slippery Rock township, it was about the year 1795, and bought 200 acres, that he cleared and made into a good, productive farm; it is at present owned by Mr. McQueston. His frame barn was the first of its kind in the county, and its erection was followed soon afterward by that of a house. He was a man of many good parts, and withal was a progressive farmer. His life spanned sixty-eight years, and that of his wife exceeded that number by four. Mrs. Aiken was a daughter of James Henry, and she bore eleven children, as

follows: Jane (Mrs. McMillen); Martha (Mrs. White); Sarah (Mrs. Allen); William F.; Alexander H.; Thomas; Albert; James; Mary (Mrs. Gardner); Robert C.; and an infant, who died.

Robert C. Aiken was only thirteen years of age when his father died; he therefore stayed at home and fully carried out his filial duties to the widowed mother. He lived on the homestead until 1861, when he sold it, and selected 101 acres of land near Sewickley, Beaver County, where he remained until 1896. For three years Mr. Aiken dealt in merchandise in Beaver County, and built there a new house and barn, but finally removed to Ellwood City in 1896. Here he is interested in real estate, some of it being very valuable property in the oil country, and also devotes a portion of his time to writing insurance. Mr. Aiken cast his first ballot for John C. Fremont for President, and has held minor offices in Beaver County. In 1896 he was elected burgess of Ellwood City. The family adheres strictly to the principles and doctrines of the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Robert C. Aiken, before her marriage with our subject, was Tirzah Aiken, daughter of James Aiken of Montville, Pa. Her death in 1893 at the age of forty-eight left seven children to mourn her departure from their midst. Their names in order are: James Elmer; Alexander H.; Mary; John C.; Robert C., Jr.; Maggie M.; and Effie A.

James Elmer Aiken was born in Wayne township, Lawrence Co., Pa., Sept. 4, 1862, and supplemented a district school education by pursuing advanced courses of study in Grove City College, after which he studied law in the office of James A. Gardner. He successfully passed the State Examination and in 1888 was admitted

to the Lawrence County Bar. He practiced for a short time in New Castle, was then an assistant of George B. Nye in Hazel Dell for about a year, and in the summer of 1895 began his present connection with the First National Bank of Ellwood City as a clerk. He is now the cashier in this solid financial institution. In social circles, he is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge, No. 599, of Ellwood City.

JOSEPH S. WHITE, one of New Castle's oldest and most highly respected citizens, who has done his share to build up and beautify New Castle from a small borough to a prosperous city, was born within the present city limits, Dec. 29, 1820, and is a son of Crawford and Elizabeth (Dunlap) White, and grandson of David and Mary (Crawford) White, who were farmers and reared a family of eight children, namely: James; Benjamin; Josiah; Crawford; David; Samuel; Mrs. McMillin; and Mrs. S. Hanna.

Crawford White was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., and in 1804 came to New Castle, and settled on lot No. 1953 of the "donation lands," on which he built a log-house. In 1806 he returned to his native county to marry Elizabeth Dunlap, daughter of John Dunlap, and at once began to clear the land on his New Castle property. In the War of 1812 he was a member of Capt. Fisher's Co., which went to Erie. In 1818 he erected a grist-mill with three sets of stones and a saw-mill at the foot of Beaver Street, and did the principal part of the milling for the set-

tlers for miles around. He died at the age of sixty about the year 1833; his wife died in 1875 aged ninety-six years. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and helped to build the old brick Presbyterian Church. Their children were: James D.; Amanda A.; Eliza A.; John C.; Joseph S.; and others who died young.

Our subject remained at home, assisting his brother James in the grist-mill and iron mills until his brother's death. He then was with his brother-in-law in the postoffice until he was twenty years of age, when he in company with Mr. Farley became interested for a time in a foundry at New Castle. He then carried on farming on a part of the old homestead. His next venture was with Dr. Joseph Pollock in carrying on the lumber business, and afterwards he was with Stevens, Craig & Co., in the lumber business in the manufacture of lumber, planing, sashes and doors, etc., under the firm name of Stevens, Craig & Co. When the mill burned down, Mr. White continued the lumber business for a few years and returned to farming on the old homestead, from which, because of its location near the borough line, he has sold many building lots, and still owns an excellent farm of 100 acres, on which he has a fine residence surrounded with large and beautiful oak groves—it is one of the choicest pieces of property still left within the city limits, and is located at No. 312 North Jefferson Street.

Mr. White married Miss Adaline Pollock, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Rachel (Morehead) Pollock. Dr. Pollock was born in 1788, finished his collegiate course in 1808, and in 1810 commenced his practice near Monongahela City, Washington County, but later came to New

Castle, where he was interested in the lumber business to some extent. He reared a large family, and did much to further the progress of the town. He was not only very successful as a physician and surgeon, with a reputation for skillful work which extended through a number of counties, but he was also a leader in general business and industrial circles. He was recognized as one of the foremost men of the western part of Pennsylvania, and was a frequent and welcome contributor to various periodicals on many questions of current public interest. He died in 1856 at the age of sixty-five years. His wife lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years. Their children were: Periander; Milo; Camilia; Isaphena; Hiram; Belinda; Adaline; Laura; Caroline; and Josephine. The marriage of our subject has been blessed with twelve children, as follows; an infant son, deceased; Alice, who married George Greer, president of the New Castle Steel & Tinplate Co. of New Castle; Eva, the wife of E. C. McClintock of Boston, Mass.; John C.; Carrie M. married Rev. E. S. Willard, and they were missionaries to Alaska for thirteen years; Rev. Joseph P., of Eagle Mills Presbyterian Church; Arthur, who died in his twentieth year; Fred of Boston, Mass.; Adaline, who died in her eighteenth year; Belle May, who is a professional nurse, and a graduate of the Women's Temperance Hospital of Chicago, Ill.; Lizzie died young; and an infant daughter, now deceased. Our subject has living to-day seven children and twenty grandchildren.

Mr. White cast his first vote in a Presidential election for a Democratic nominee, then supported the Free Soilers; since the organization of the Republican party he supported it loyally

until they repealed local option in Pennsylvania when he supported the Prohibition Party, since which time he has been a steadfast adherent of that party of reform. In slavery days he was no idle looker-on of the terrible deeds of inhumanity that were perpetrated in the name of law and justice; rather he took an active interest in the great underground system, which was the means of rescuing many a poor slave from a life worse than death, and Mr. White and his good wife did all in their power to protect such unfortunates as came their way, and by every available means to assist the progress of abolitionist doctrines. His home and his money was at the service of the movement, for he thought he was on the right side, and we believe that the people of the land to-day will unite in saying that they are glad that there were a few men in the hour of darkness and danger, who were not afraid to risk their life and liberty for the sake of a people unjustly oppressed.

JOSEPH DICK LONG, one of New Castle's leading grocers, was born in the above city, April 3, 1872, and is a son of Elias and Margaret (McKever) Long, grandson of John Long, great-grandson of Joseph Long, and great-great-grandson of Alexander Long, who came from Westmoreland Co., Pa., and located on a farm just a little south of New Castle in 1806. His two sons, Joseph and Arthur, divided the farm between them, each taking 100 acres; they lived there all the rest of their several lives, Joseph Long, our subject's great-grandfather,

meeting his death by drowning, when attempting to ford the river at Rock Point on horseback, when forty years of age. He was survived by his wife, Ella, and the following seven children, all of whom grew to maturity: Alexander; John, our subject's grandfather; Sarah; Margaret; Joseph, Jr.; David; and Arthur S. Our subject's grandfather was born in New Castle, which remained his home through the greater part of his life, in which he was engaged principally as a farmer.

Elias Long was born in New Castle, and early in life entered into the limestone business; after a few years, he disposed of his property and investments in that direction, and engaged in the grocery business in South New Castle, where he continued for twenty-eight years, winning the highest esteem of his large circle of acquaintances and customers, and building up a very extensive trade. His death, from an attack of typhoid fever, occurred in March, 1895, at the age of fifty-six years. He served in the council sixteen years, and was overseer of the poor six years. His wife passed away at the age of forty-six years, a victim of consumption. Their children were named: Ella; John F., deceased; Grace, deceased; Joseph Dick, the subject of this sketch; Jessie E.; and James R.

Our subject attended the New Castle schools, and when eighteen years old began clerking in his father's store. In 1894, in company with Messrs. E. & F. Davis, under the style of J. D. Long & Co., he opened up a general grocery store in the Cunningham Block at No. 8 Pittsburgh Street. At the expiration of one year, Mr. Long bought out his partners, and does at this writing a very large and remunerative business

in New Castle and its vicinity, employing three clerks to attend to the wants of his customers. He is a popular, well-liked young man, whose success has been richly deserved. He owns the old homestead at No. 680 Moravia Street, which his grandfather built. In his political views, he is independent. He is a member of the fraternal order, F. & A. M., and since his early manhood his whole time and attention has been devoted to his business, with what result we have already shown.

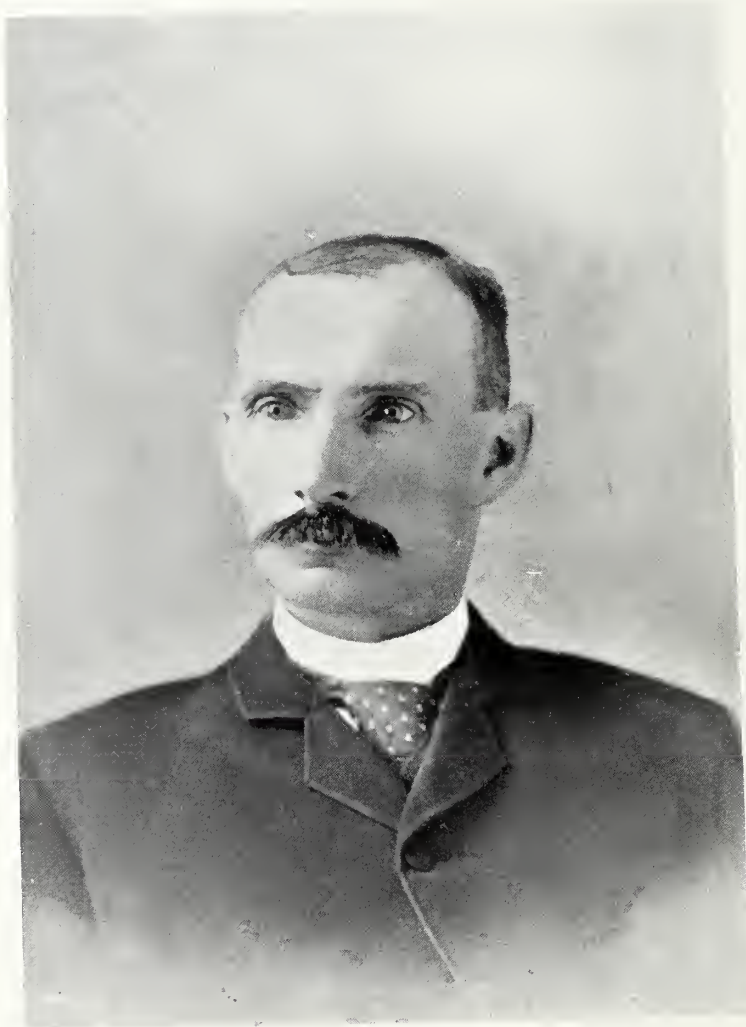
JOHN W. NICKUM of Ellwood City, Pa., is the proprietor of the Hotel Pulaski, also proprietor of the Nickum wholesale house, dealing in liquors, wines and malts, and controlling the natural mineral water from the springs at Pulaski. Mr. Nickum began his life in Mercer, Mercer Co., Pa., Sept. 3, 1854, and is a son of Thomas J. and Hannah (Rogers) Nickum.

Thomas J. Nickum was born in Emmitsburg, Md., and in boyhood entered a printing office, advancing in time to the post of publisher of the Mercer County Whig; he continued to run that paper until his retirement from active participation in labor, and he is now an honored resident of Pulaski, directing the branches of his son's business that are there established.

John W. Nickum in 1870 built the handsome and modern livery stable in Mercer, known as Nickum's Livery Barn, where he conducted a good business, renting it in 1893, and finally selling the whole in 1897. In 1893, Mr. Nickum became the owner of the Hotel Pulaski, that at

that time had just been completed, and he has made it one of the finest hotels in the country for miles around, being noted especially as a popular summer resort. The mineral springs of Pulaski, which he controls in connection with the hotel, draw many people, as the water is famed for its beneficial properties, and is widely used, both in the locality and in eastern cities. The Pulaski Natural Mineral Water Co., as the firm is styled, of which our subject is sole proprietor, bottles 3,500 to 6,000 quarts per day and ships to outside points, as there is a demand for this product the year around. In this industry Mr. Nickum is a leader, as he owns the company's stock, and has the sole responsibility. The Hotel Pulaski is a substantial three-story edifice, with Mansard roof, and is well kept in every particular, the attendance being first-class, and the cuisine unexcelled. Since the opening of the Pulaski its guests have had only praise for the management, and its careful attention and well-being. Being equipped with modern conveniences, and supplied with all the advantages spoken of, the Pulaski's reputation as a first-class hostel is certainly assured.

In 1895, Mr. Nickum came to Ellwood City, and built a block, 40x80 feet on the ground, and uses the lower floor for double stores, while the second floor is divided into twelve large rooms, which are employed by his wholesale liquor business, where he keeps a large selected stock of liquors of both home and foreign manufacture. Barns and a warehouse in connection with this latter establishment are located on Sixth Street and Lawrence Avenue. In addition to the business interests, already referred to in outline, Mr. Nickum is a heavy stockholder in the Ellwood



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City Gas Co., also the largest stockholder in the Mercer Gas Co., and several other interests in Mercer. He is an intelligent, active citizen, of strikingly handsome personal appearance, and has hosts of friends. His business ability is universally recognized as of the highest order, and entitles him to a hearty recognition among the leading and representative citizens of Ellwood. Whatever pertains to the welfare and prosperity of the city is of moment to him, and he certainly is a valuable addition to the business interests of Ellwood City.

Mr. Nickum won for his life-companion Ida M. Brown of Sandy Lake, Pa., and they have two daughters—Katie B., who is a bookkeeper for her father; and Nellie. Our subject is a thorough Republican, and has served as burgess of Mercer, and as a member of that city's council. He holds a membership in several fraternal orders, among which are F. & A. M., and A. O. U. W., both of Mercer, Mercer Co., Pa.

JACOB R. BOGGS, whose portrait may be viewed on the opposite page, is a thrifty and well-to-do farmer, who lives near New Galilee in Big Beaver township, Lawrence County, who has mounted the ladder of success, and now occupies a position of esteem in his community as a solid, substantial citizen. He was born in Erie Co., Pa., in January, 1847, and is therefore just past the half-century mark. His parents were John and Martha (Blackwood) Boggs, who were both of Irish parentage, although a hundred or more years ago we might find that their ances-

tors came from Scotland. Many of the best people in Pennsylvania to-day are descended from the long-suffering sons of Erin, for it seems that to those who have been forced by an iron hand to yield obedience to unjust decrees and to consider the divine right of kings the first pillar of government, there is something ineffably dear in the sight of the flag waving over a land where all men are free and equal before the law. From the sturdy Irish and Scotch-Irish people have been developed worthy citizens, who would be an honor to any commonwealth. Western Pennsylvania is especially fortunate in having been settled by pioneers who belonged chiefly to this class, and that their work in building up this beautiful country was done well goes without saying. The ardent love of liberty is fostered and kept alive in such a race, grateful for the blessings of a free land, and in times of trouble and deep distress, when our very integrity as a nation was threatened, the Scotch-Irish responded nobly to the call, and proved themselves to be entitled to rank with our best citizens. America asks for no better class of citizens than those of kindred speech, who have sought civil and religious freedom on her shores. Such were the inducements that drew John Boggs, when a young man, to abandon his home in Ireland, and seek a brighter lot in the Western Continent. He was a struggling, hard-working farmer after he settled near Erie, Pa., and of an intensely religious cast of mind, as he had been brought up in the faith of the old Covenanters.

Our subject lived in Erie County until he was a strong lad of fifteen years, and grasped whatever educational advantages were offered in the

common schools. He was a dutiful son, fulfilling his duty to his aged father in every respect and caring for him until the number of his years on earth were completed. Mr. Boggs came to Lawrence County about 1872, where he has made his home since. He chose for his partner Mary Blackwood, whose parents, James and Eliza Blackwood, were also born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs have rejoiced on the occasions of the birth of three children: Ethel L. and Oliver B., and an infant son. The family belongs to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, one branch of which does not allow its members to participate in political affairs, and so, obeying the voice of the church, Mr. Boggs has kept aloof from politics, and has taken no aggressive interest in the oft-recurring elections.

JOHN R. POTTER, alderman of the Fifth Ward of New Castle, and one of the city's enterprising men, being an extensive dealer in real estate, and an insurance agent, was born in 1839, in Mercer township, Mercer County, this State, where his father lived at that time.

Our subject's father, Alonzo H. Potter, was born in Genesee County, New York State, where his father Hiram was numbered among the representative and progressive farmers. Alonzo H. came to Mercer County in 1844, and followed the business of driving stage from New Castle to Rochester, Pa., and to other points for several years, and then became a watchman at the Brown, People & Co.'s mills for a number of years. Later on he secured employment as one

of the machine hands, tending a wrought iron spike machine, until he entered the rolling-mills, where he worked until his death took place. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Daniel and Mary Bowden; she died in 1890, aged about seventy years. The children born of this marriage who grew up to maturity were: John R., the subject of this personal mention; Mary, the wife of James Lester; Sarah, the wife of William Brannan; Margaret, the wife of James Gurney; and Samuel, who resides in Oil City, this State.

When our subject was five years old, his parents moved to New Castle, and the remaining years of his boyhood and youth were passed in the town of his present residence. At the age of eleven years he went into the factory to work at 25 cents a day to help support the family; after a while his father became a little more independent and was able to send John to school, yet in the vacations he still continued his work in the factory. His first employment there was in heading nail kegs, advancing from that position to that of feeder for the nail machines, continuing in that position for five years, when he became boss nailer, and had charge of the wrought iron nail machines until they were discontinued to make way for the wire nails. In 1877 he became interested in auctioneering, and being a practical salesman he opened a commission-house, where to-day he carries on a large business, the location being in the city of New Castle, opposite the Diamond. During his connection with the manufacture of nails, in 1859, he moved to Youngstown, Ohio, and worked there at his trade until June, 1861, when he enlisted in the 84th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf., but his offer of his services was not accepted, for in the years pre-

vious he had met with an accident, the ends of his fingers having been cut off his right hand by being caught against the grind-stone. But he was not to be discouraged by any such drawbacks, and determined to go to the front in some capacity or another, and possessing musical ability, being a member of the local band, and a good snare drummer, he was accepted as a member of the 54th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf., holding the position of musician, and serving until September, 1861. When the band was discharged, he moved to Sharon, Lawrence County, and worked as boss nailer twelve years, but has since then made his home in New Castle. In 1892, he was appointed by Gov. Patterson as alderman, and has by re-election been continued in that office up to the present time. He has also served as city assessor three years, and is president of the board of assessors. He is a Republican to the back-bone, and is chairman of the County Committee. In whatever capacities he has been employed or in whatever way he has served his fellow-townsmen, he has never lost sight of the trust placed in him, and has discharged the duties that came to him in a simple, conscientious manner, never with any attempt for show or effect. He is one of whom New Castle may well be proud, as an upright, honest man, who has made his own way in life, and can look everyone in the face, confident of never having wilfully injured anyone. He has dealt quite extensively in real estate, and has a finely fitted office at No. 134 South Mill Street, and resides on Sutton Street. He is a member of the local G. A. R. Post.

Mr. Potter married Miss Hannah Floor, daughter of John and Margaret Floor of New

Castle, and to them have been given six children, namely: Harry, who is in the U. S. Railroad Mail Service, working between Pittsburg Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles G., who is one of the leading jewelers and dealers in high grade silverware of Pittsburg, Pa.; Emma, who married H. Bollard of Indiana Co., Pa.; Cora M., the wife of C. B. Ransey of New Castle; Jennie S., who lives at home with her parents; and Willie, a student in the high-school. In addition to the above interesting group of children, was born another, Ralph, who died at the age of seven.

LUTHER M. REED, the youngest of ten children, born to John C. and Phoebe A. (Iddings) Reed, was born on the farm in Shenango township, where he now resides, Feb. 1, 1871. Being the youngest, it fell to his lot to remain at home with his father, and carry on the farm, after the latter was stricken with apoplexy, when Luther was still only a youth. He was his father's right-hand man, caring for his personal wants, during the years he lingered, as well as taking upon himself the whole management of the farm. He was the only one of his father's children, who has not been a school-teacher, but it was not because of lack of ability, but because his duty called him into other fields of activity. His school days ceased at the age of sixteen years, a year after his father's affliction. All his life has been spent on the homestead, which he now owns and operates with the exception of a third of a year that he spent in the West, near the city of Galesburg, Ill. The portion of the

homestead that fell to Luther comprises sixty-three acres of as fine land as lies within the boundaries of Lawrence County; it is peculiarly adapted to fruit-raising, and the orchard planted by his grandfather, William Reed, never fails of a plentiful harvest.

Our subject's father was born in Shenango township, near the Center United Presbyterian Church, May 3, 1826, and remained a resident of that township until his death, engaged in the pursuits of agriculture, in which he was eminently successful. His death, which took place Jan. 28, 1895, was occasioned by a stroke of apoplexy which came upon him when plowing in the fields a number of years previous; the years intervening between the stroke and his final dissolution were passed in almost helplessness, his personal wants being attended to for the most part by his son, Luther M. He was an energetic man, and although somewhat short in his stature he accomplished with his indomitable will and extraordinary perseverance much more than men of larger frame and more robust constitution. He was ambitious to leave his children well provided for, and in doing so he exerted himself more than he ought to have done, and may be said to have really sacrificed himself for his children. There was no one in the county who stood higher in public estimation than did Mr. Reed, and his word was as good as his bond. So high an estimate was placed on him by his fellow-citizens, that favors are often extended to his sons, because of their father's good name. His much-beloved wife, and helpmeet through life, was Phoebe Ann Iddings, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hoopes) Iddings. The latter was a native of Chester Co., Pa., of

Quaker stock, and descended from a sister of Sir Anthony Wayne; her father was Ezra Hoopes of Chester Co., Pa. Joseph Iddings was also born in Chester Co., Pa.; having received a good education when a boy, and having the benefits of a college course of training as a young man, he turned his attention to teaching, and was one of the first school-teachers in Lawrence County. He followed farming as an occupation in later years. He reared the following children: Mary, who is eighty-four years old; Mirabel, deceased; Hannah, who married Martin Reno, deceased, of Shenango township, Lawrence County; Sarah, who became the wife of Hugh A. McKee; Elizabeth, deceased, who married James Leonard of Lawrence County, and now of the State of Michigan; Ann, deceased; Lavina, who married James Davis of Lawrence County; and Phoebe A., the mother of our subject. To John C. Reed and Phoebe A. Iddings were given ten children, as follows: William E., whose personal history appears elsewhere; Joseph, who is living in Sharon, and practicing medicine; Charles A., a leading physician of the city of New Castle, whose biography appears on another page of this work; Hannah, deceased; Anna and Mary, twins, both of whom are deceased; Sarah J., the wife of Richard Wright of Taylor township; Lovina, who married William H. Weinschenk of Shenango township, the narration of whose life may be found elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; John W., deceased; and Luther M., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Reed, the widow of John C., makes her home with her daughter, Lovina, Mrs. William H. Weinschenk.

John C. Reed was a son of William and Anna

(Cameron) Reed. The latter is living to-day at the age of ninety-two years, and is surprisingly active and vigorous both in body and mind for one of her advanced years; she has been granted the rare privilege of seeing a descendant in the fifth generation, her grandchildren being in their turn grandparents. She was born in Mahoningtown, Feb. 10, 1805, and was a daughter of James and Betsey (Hendrickson) Cameron, the latter a daughter of Dr. Hendrickson, the first physician to settle in the county, coming here in 1797 with two other families from Pennsville, N. J. Indians were numerous about this region, and Betsey Hendrickson received a severe fright from one of them, when she was driving the cows home from their pasturing ground; she was never sent alone on such an errand again. James Cameron was born at Shirleysburg, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation; he departed this life in Shenango township, near New Castle, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a son of James Cameron, Sr., who came to Mahoningtown to see if he would like the place for a residence; the country suiting him in every respect, he returned to Shirleysburg, sold his farm, and started for Mahoningtown with the proceeds from the sale, with the intention of purchasing each of his sons a farm. As time passed by, and no word was received from him, inquiry was made along the route, which he was supposed to have taken, with the result that his horse and saddle were found, but his body was never recovered, nor was there any record of him ever found, but it was supposed that he was murdered and robbed for the money he carried in his saddle-bags. He was a soldier in the Revolution and served honorably till the close

of the war, after having once deserted and then rejoined the army.

William Reed, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in June, 1803, and came with his parents to Lawrence County in 1806. He learned the wheelwright's trade, and worked for a time in New Castle. In 1829, he bought a farm in Shenango township, on which there was a small clearing and log-cabin; here he followed his trade, and cleared his farm, which to-day is one of the very best in the county; the soil of it is peculiarly adapted to fruit-growing, and it often results that his orchards will be bearing when surrounding ones are barren of fruit. He passed away in the very prime of his life, attaining only the age of forty years. He was a son of John and Margaret (Lutton) Reed, the latter a daughter of Ralph Lutton, who married a Miss Martin. John Reed was born in Ireland, and upon coming to America settled first in Zanesville, Ohio, from which locality he moved in 1806 to Lawrence County, settling in Shenango township on the stream now known as Snake Run; he, too, died at the age of forty years, while his wife Margaret lived to be ninety-two years old. He was a weaver in Ireland, and followed that trade in America until he took up farming as a means of obtaining a livelihood, and securing an independence. His father, Michael Reed, never left the Old Country, but lived and died in the north of Ireland.

Luther M. Reed was married in New Castle, Feb. 18, 1891, to Lizzie McMillin, who was born in New Castle, a daughter of J. Clark and Lydia J. (Morrow) McMillin. Our subject's wife's mother was born in Shenango township, and

was a daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Young) Morrow, the former a farmer throughout life, living to the age of eighty-four years. J. Clark McMillin was born in Shenango township, Nov. 3, 1847, and was a son of Joseph and Mary (Mouk) McMillin, the latter a native of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and daughter of Daniel Mouk, who was a blacksmith by trade and reached the age of eighty years. Joseph McMillin was born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1814, and died at the age of sixty-nine, his death resulting from a runaway accident. He was a farmer the most of his life, although he learned the tanner's trade early in life, but gave it up, as the employment was uncongenial to him. He was a son of John McMillin, who came from near Philadelphia. J. Clark McMillin was reared in Shenango township, and when sixteen years of age ran away from home, and enlisted in Co. K, 50th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., serving nine months until the close of the war, and taking part in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Petersburg, and Ft. Steadman. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed two children have been born, as follows: Norma N.; and Nettie I. Mr. Reed is a Republican in his politics, and has served on the election board. He is a charter member of New Castle Lodge, No. 404, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Reed has inherited many of the manly qualities that so distinguished his worthy father, and is rapidly attaining a high place in the estimation of his fellow-citizens, as a conscientious, energetic young man, who chooses to walk in the path of integrity because he knows it to be the only satisfactory method to win the true esteem of those with whom he has dealings in a business and also in a purely social way.

ALBERT B. WHEILDON. This enterprising, wide-awake young man has acquired for himself a prominent position in the business interests of Ellwood City and Lawrence County, and is closely identified with the commercial life of the city and its vicinity as the manager and superintendent of the Ellwood Lumber Co. He was born Dec. 5, 1868, in Mercer County, where his father, Jacob Wheildon, was a mechanic. Our subject is a busy man, and lack of proper opportunities prevented him from furnishing a biography in minute detail, so we will have to dismiss the subject of his ancestry and his father's life with the few foregoing remarks.

The Ellwood Lumber Co. is officered as follows: E. Carlton of Cleveland, Ohio, president; Louis Heller, Youngstown, Ohio, vice-president; L. F. Phillips, secretary and treasurer; and Albert B. Wheildon, manager and superintendent. The company, which manufactures lumber for contract woodwork, was established in 1894, and the plant was built on a part of the Nye farm, located on Franklin and Highland Avenues, with a frontage of 208 feet on Franklin Avenue, 205 on Highland Avenue, 295 feet on Railroad Street, and the same on the alley. On the same lot there is also a two-story dwelling house and office. The mill is supplied with steam power, which is generated in a fifty horsepower boiler, and harnessed for service in an engine to correspond; the machinery is like what is generally found in mills of the sort—machines for planing, moulding, resawing, etc. The mill employs five men and sometimes more, and since Mr. Wheildon assumed the management in 1896, the business has increased in volume to a surprising extent, not even warranted



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by the large amount of building going on in Ellwood City.

Mr. Wheildon's previous business experience has fitted him for his present position, as he began to deal in lumber when a young man, having charge of a mill in Mercer County, where he still owns some real estate. Associating himself with T. J. Wright, he built several houses, which he sold to new residents, and cleared a comfortable sum of money. He is a patriotic citizen of Ellwood City, and a firm believer in the city's continued growth and prosperity, and as an evidence of his belief we need only point to his valuable real estate investments in building-lot property, located in advantageous positions. He is a Republican and likes to discuss politics when he has time to talk, but, to use a modern term, he is too much of a "hustler" to be looking for an office to come his way. Mr. Wheildon chose for his wife Lolla Marsteller, daughter of James Marsteller of Fredonia, Mercer Co., Pa., and they have four interesting children—William Clarence, Florence L., Lillian, and Stanley Elwood.

HENRY S. BLATT. Business men, representing every line of trade and many manufacturing interests have been drawn by the superior advantages offered and the bright prospects of Ellwood City to locate within its limits, and to invest heavily in its many and varied legitimate channels of trade and industry. It is seldom that an eastern city is founded and developed in the space of a decade, while cities of mushroom growth are frequently found in the West

where they seem to spring up during the night. Ellwood City, thanks to its projectors and to the solid substantial type of its leading citizens, has a permanent foundation in its commercial interests. It is not a city that has seen its best days, but is one of the most thriving of all the cities of Western Pennsylvania. Among its foremost business men, who regard its future as undimmed by any chance or likelihood of retrogression, is Henry S. Blatt, the subject of this biography, whose portrait appears opposite.

Mr. Blatt is now in the very prime of middle life, as he was born Aug. 26, 1845, in French Creek township, Mercer Co., Pa. Jonas Blatt, his father, was a son of Peter Blatt, who lived in Snyder Co., Pa., for a number of years, and then removed to Mercer County. Like many of the early settlers, our subject's grandfather worked at a trade, besides doing farm work, being a wagon-maker. After rearing his family, Peter Blatt died at sixty-seven years of age, his wife passing away to join those gone before at the age of seventy-two. Mrs. Blatt's maiden name was Rachel Beidler. The children born to them were—Edwin, Daniel, Absalom, Catherine, Peter, and Jonas.

Jonas Blatt was born in Snyder County, where he learned the wagon-maker's trade, and after the family removed to Mercer County, carried on an extensive business in Sandy Lake. His life was passed in uneventful toil on the homestead, as he always found his duty close at hand. He was an able, intelligent man, thoroughly respected by his neighbors, and he might have filled more official positions than he did, had he been willing to accept them; as it was, he was content with being a school director and burgess

of Sandy Lake borough. He married Anna Grove, daughter of Abraham Grove, and four children were born to them—Rachel, Henry S., Catherine and Isabel. Mrs. Blatt was taken to her well-earned rest at the age of sixty-eight, and four years later she was followed by her husband. Mr. Blatt was a person of quiet tastes, and did not care for convivial gatherings, being a member of only one fraternal society, the I. O. O. F. The family, as might be imagined from the seclusion and retirement of the home, was governed by strict observance of the rules of right living, the young people being surrounded by strong religious influences. Youth is the time to mold plastic minds, and the seed in this case fell on good ground, resulting in continued adherence to the Lutheran Church.

In regard to one member of the family, Henry S. Blatt, his story begins with his boyhood days that were spent in the district school; the training received there was followed up with a course of instruction at the New Lebanon Academy. His business career opens with the manufacture of carriages and wagons at Sandy Lake in 1863. Mr. Blatt continued in business in that place until 1871, when he started a store, with the firm name of H. S. Blatt & Co., the company with a few changes being known now as J. J. Blatt & Co. The business having proven profitable and yielding of good returns, in 1889 he added to it a hardware business, having bought the stock of the Parker Hardware Co.

In 1891, Mr. Blatt came to Ellwood City, and, associating himself with Capt. Abraham C. Grove, built a handsome brick block and opened a large hardware store. The size of the stock necessitated building a warehouse, and this was

not only done, but the firm made further arrangements to handle lumber. In October, 1891, they suffered a severe loss by fire, and they dissolved partnership. Mr. Blatt, with his natural enterprise and good management, put up a temporary building, and was ready to transact his customary business inside of thirty days. The next year he built a large brick block, 160x144 feet, three stories high; the ground floor is used for his hardware business and a drug store, the second floor for offices, and the third floor makes an excellent hall for large gatherings.

Mr. Blatt deals in hardware, but his store also includes a stock of paints and oils of all grades. The lumber business is still carried on with reasonable success by Mr. Blatt. He is one of the chief promoters of Ellwood City's growth, and this fact is fully attested by his having bought and sold some 200 houses. He is still interested to a large extent in real estate, as he owns a number of houses and lots. He owns stock in the First National Bank of Ellwood, being its vice-president, and one of its directors. Our subject has other lucrative investments in the Weldless Tube Mfg. Co., the Gas Co., and in the Iron Foundry. Varied as these ventures are, they are controlled with ease by the forceful, executive mind of Mr. Blatt. His home is on the corner of Seventh Street and Crescent Avenue, and it fully accords with its owner's prosperity and good taste.

Mr. Blatt chose for his life-companion Hannah McClure, whose parents were James and Hannah McClure of Lake township, Mercer Co., Pa. Mrs. Blatt is a lady of much refinement, and is fitted in every respect to preside over the

home. James J., the second son, is general manager of the J. J. Blatt Co.'s hardware store at Sandy Lake, Mercer County. Charles H. is interested in Ellwood City and Sandy Lake, Pa. William R. is a popular dry goods clerk of Ellwood City. Catherine alone remains at home with the parents, for Frank was called by death at the age of seventeen, just when a bright future was opening out before him.

Henry S. Blatt has had little time to devote to office-holding, but he made an excellent school director, for he thoroughly appreciated the work of that position, and was alive to the importance of educational advantages. As justice of the peace, he was a man of charitable judgment and correct decisions. During 1875-76, Mr. Blatt was in the State Legislature, fulfilling his obligations satisfactorily and returning at the expiration of his term to private life and to the demands of his business. In view of his public spirit, Mr. Blatt was eminently well chosen to be burgess and councilman of Ellwood City. His social acquaintances are numbered by the score, and he is sure to find congenial company in the circles where he holds a membership. He is a brother in Ellwood Lodge, No. 559, F. & A. M. He was a charter member and past master of Mt. Royal Chapter, R. A. M., and is also a member of Mt. Calvary Lodge, Knight Templars, and of Zemzem Temple of Erie, Pa. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. of Sandy Lake, and also of the Royal Templars of Temperance and K. of H. of the same place. He had held offices in all these organizations, which shows the esteem in which he is held. Wherever Mr. Blatt goes, he is welcomed as a royal good fellow.

ANDREW F. WEIR, an honored resident of Shenango township, where he is engaged in carrying on farm operations four miles south of the city of New Castle, was born May 15, 1849, in Harmony, Butler Co. He is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Kepler) Weir. Our subject's mother was born in Germany about 1817, and passed to the green fields beyond the swelling flood to enjoy the welcome plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," when about forty-five years old. Frederick Weir was born in Wales about 1804, and came to this country when a young man in search of a fortune; he served in the Mexican War, and died March 25, 1889. Of his first marriage with Elizabeth Kepler, five children were born as follows: Katherine, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Herman of West New Castle—Katherine and Elizabeth were twins; Louise; Andrew F., the subject of this brief narration; and McMichael, who is living somewhere in the West. He was a second time married, his second wife being a Mrs. Holland, by whom he had one son, George, now a resident of Rochester, Pa.

Andrew F. Weir passed the years of childhood and of youth until he had attained his majority in Harmony and Middle Lancaster, attending the district schools, and one term of high school at Zelienople, Butler County. At the age of twenty-one he married, and shortly after entered the employ of R. W. Cunningham in New Castle, taking charge of that gentleman's home, attending to the gardening, and a care of the grounds and stables; he remained with his employer nineteen years, and by frugality and prudence, he saved during these years sufficient

money to make him independent, and to enable him to purchase in April, 1891, the Boiles' farm some four miles south of New Castle, comprising about 100 acres of as fine farming land as can be found anywhere in the township or county. One fact that speaks strongly in Mr. Weir's favor, as a man who wishes to be beholden to no one, and as one who is able to pay as he goes, is that he paid the purchase money, amounting to \$7,400 in cash. He has expended half as much more in making necessary improvements, not counting in this his own labor and time. Much of the property was still encumbered with the original stumps that remained from clearing the land, and the different fields were in no fit condition for cultivation. Ravines have been filled, drains put in, stumps grubbed out, and stones removed, and many other minor improvements made until now the owner may well take pride in his fine estate. Not the least notable feature of the farm are the four springs, and especially the one near the house, which supplies the best of cold spring water for all domestic purposes. The buildings are large, commodious and well-appointed in every particular; about the dwelling is a grove, which furnishes in the summer a cool and comfortable retreat in the noon hour, so grateful to the farm-laborers. Mr. Wier is now giving his attention chiefly to dairy-farming, selling the product of about twenty cows.

Mr. Weir was married in Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa., May 7, 1872, to Julia A. Zigler, who was born in Harmony, a daughter of Andrew and Debora (Moyer) Zigler. Mrs. Weir's mother was a daughter of Samuel and Julia (Rice) Moyer, the former a farmer, who lived to attain

the age of eighty-nine years. Andrew Zigler, a son of Andrew Zigler, Sr., was a carpenter by trade. The union of Mr. Weir and his wife was productive of two children: Sarah Tillie, and Mary Louise. Sarah Tillie married Robert Stafford of New Castle, and they are the parents of two children—Julia May, and Nellie Darling. Mary Louise became the wife of Alexander M. Houk of Shenango township, and they have two children—Lillie May, and Florence Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Weir are highly esteemed in their neighborhood and township, and are entitled to be classed among the best citizens. They are the friends of good order and system, and contributing their portion toward the building up of the community, morally, socially, and intellectually. Mr. Weir is greatly respected by his fellow-citizens for his straightforward business methods, and excellent personal traits of character.

HARVEY C. HAMMOND, yard conductor for the Pennsylvania R. R., residing at No. 258 West North Street, New Castle, was born in the neighboring county of Beaver, near Freedom, Oct. 11, 1857. His boyhood days were spent in Beaver County until his tenth year, when his parents moved to New Castle, where he continued to attend school for about four more years. When a boy he began a railroad life, first carrying water on the gravel train, and then on the section. He was very strong and well-built for his age, and it was not long before he was doing a full day's work as a laborer on the sec-

tion. After three or four years on the section gang, he became a brakeman, and continued as such until 1885, since which time he has held the position of yard-conductor with proficiency.

His mother, Nancy (Nealey) Hammond, was born in Beaver County, and was a daughter of John and Betsey (Nealey) Nealey. Grandma Nealey possessed a remarkable memory for names and dates, and for facts she had heard or come across in her reading; this happy faculty was preserved to an extreme old age, and proved of service to her in more than one instance in recalling bygone events. John Nealey, a farmer by choice of occupation, was an esquire for a number of years; his death occurred in 1868, when aged eighty years. Our subject's father, James Hammond, was born in Allegheny County, at Woods Run, Pittsburg; he was a farmer, and lived to be seventy-six years old. In 1866, he began working for the Pennsylvania R. R. in the yards at Lawrence Junction, living in the meanwhile in Mahoningtown. He was in the War of the Rebellion as a member of Co. I, 140th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and saw abundant service in the battles of Bull Run, Gettysburg, etc., and other engagements in which the Army of the Potomac was numbered among the participants. He was a son of William Hammond, who was born in Ireland. Ten children made up the parental family, as follows: John, a yard conductor for the Pennsylvania R. R.; Grace, deceased; James, deceased; William, deceased; Harvey C., our subject; Sadie, the wife of John Cain, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania R. R.; Susan, the wife of John Jones, a painter; Nora, the wife of Charles Davis, a car inspector for the Pennsylvania R. R.'s lines; and Joseph, de-

ceased. Grace, James, and William died in childhood.

Harvey C. Hammond was married in New Castle, in May, 1880, to Hattie Shira, a native of Butler County, and a daughter of William and Margaret Shira. William Shira is a carpenter and contractor of Croton. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have been blessed with five children, namely: James B., who is in the employ of J. C. Fulkerson, a coal dealer of New Castle; William; Harvey; Carl L.; and Nancy Margaret. Mrs. Hammond is a member of the M. E. Church. Our subject is a Republican in his politics, and socially is a member of Protected Home Circle, New Castle Lodge, No. 5, and Knights of Pythias, Western Star Lodge, No. 160.

HOSEA H. SWISHER, a conductor on the Western New York & Pittsburg R. R., residing at No. 210 Pittsburg Street, New Castle, this county, was born in North Beaver township, this county, Feb. 18, 1843, and is a son of John K. and Martha E. (McClure) Swisher. Hosea's mother, who was a daughter of James McClure and of Scotch descent, died when he was less than a year old. John K. Swisher was a son of Jacob Swisher; he followed the occupation of a farmer all the years of his life that were spent in active labor, and died in 1865, aged sixty-six years. He was one of the first county commissioners of Lawrence County, after its organization as a county, and held office three years.

Of a family of six boys and three girls born to his parents, five of whom now survive, Hosea

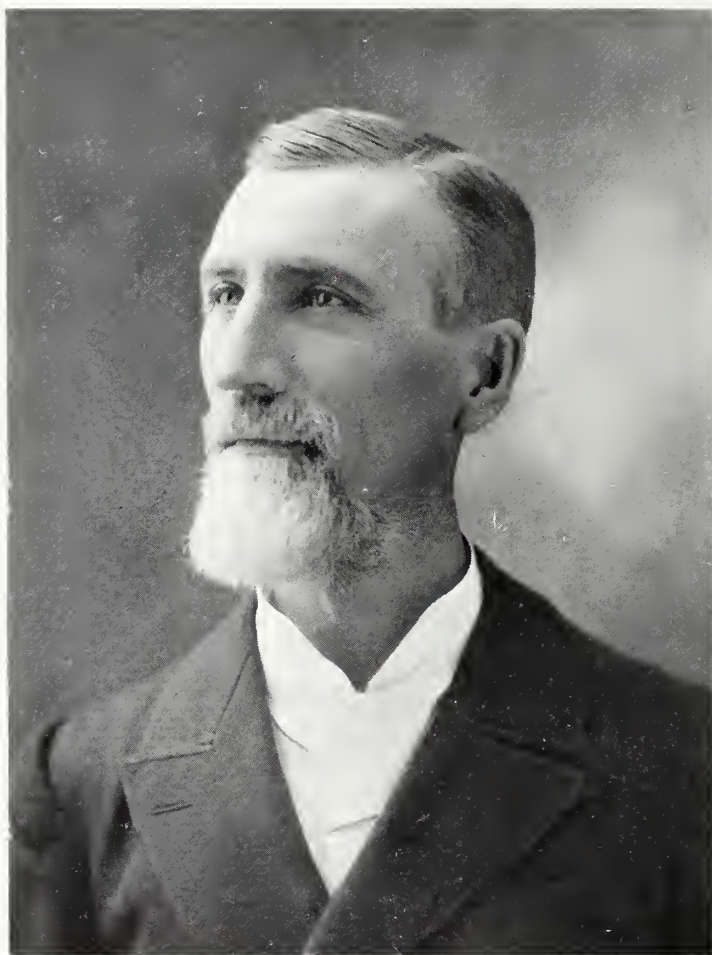
H. was the eighth in order of birth. His education was secured in the district schools of Bethel, North Beaver township, and his early life up to the age of twenty-five was spent on the farm. The discovery of the extensive oil-fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio occurred about this time, and our subject enlisted his interest in the work, and spent two years drilling oil-wells at Island Run. On his return to his native place, he labored on the home farm for one summer, and then became the proprietor of a store at Mt. Jackson for two years, after which he moved to Mahoningtown, and worked on the railroad one year, and then for one year was employed in the quarries of Green, Marquis & Johnson. It had been his desire for quite a period back to become a trainman, for a prospect of steady advancement is offered such as is not found in every employment. He at last secured a place on the Beaver Valley R. R. as a brakeman, and was soon promoted to the position of conductor, and for thirteen years was on the company's pay-rolls in that capacity. For the past fifteen years he has been in the service of the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. In point of years of service he is one of the oldest trainmen in the city of New Castle.

Mr. Swisher assumed the obligations of the marriage compact at Mt. Jackson, uniting himself with Olive N. Officer, daughter of John and Eliza (Nesbit) Officer. Of this marriage there was born one son in Mahoningtown, Harry D., who attended the schools of that place in his boyhood. Harry's first business venture was in keeping a cigar and tobacco store; he ran it one year, and then secured a position on the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., for which company he served two

years as brakeman, and in 1894 was made yard conductor, a position he is acceptably filling at the present time. Harry was married June 23, 1896, at Jamestown, N. Y., to Clara Carl, daughter of John and Kate (Crum) Carl; they have one child, Ruth E., born Sept. 3, 1897; John Carl is a conductor on the P. & W. R. R. All the members of the family are members of the Epworth M. E. Church. In politics, both Mr. Swisher and his son are Republicans. Our subject is a member of the Western Star Lodge, No. 160, K. of P.; is also a member of the A. P. A.; and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he is counselor. Harry Swisher is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, J. H. Douglas Lodge, No. 222; Knights of the Maccabees, Lawrence Tent, No. 101; and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

THE NEW CASTLE NEWS is a striking illustration of what persistent and well-directed effort will accomplish in furthering an enterprise. With a modest beginning it has developed from year to year until the publication has become one of the most substantial in Western Pennsylvania. No effort has been spared to make the paper popular with the people, and that it has wonderfully succeeded is attested by the circulation books.

A daily and weekly are published—the daily has a very extensive circulation in the city, while the weekly goes into nearly every household in the county.



REV. JOHN S. DICE.



MRS. MARGARET McQUIGG DICE.

The Daily News was established seventeen years ago. It was the outcome of the Index, a weekly newspaper published in New Castle. The Index was founded by W. J. Bannan and W. P. Miller. The reason for founding the Index was probably the same reason which actuates most newspaper publishers—to obtain gold, silver and coin of the realm. The reason assigned by those publishers was “for the promotion of the cause of temperance.” However, much like other “bluffs” as this was, it is nevertheless true that The News has adhered closer to the “cause of temperance” than ninety-nine out of one hundred newspapers posing as public benefactors. It has never published an advertisement of intoxicating liquor during the seventeen years of its existence. Ex-Register and Recorder J. T. Gleason, J. Edd Leslie, Charles B. Power and George W. Shaw, present editor of The News, J. P. Reynolds, were all connected with The News, as editors, publishers, and managers during its infancy. The two last-named gentlemen were among those instrumental in starting The Daily City News, as it was then called. It was a publication separate from the weekly Index, and was started on its mission (by the way, the publishers of The Daily City News purposed filling “a long felt want”) in the fall of 1880. The Index and The Daily City News joined hands and became The News, daily and weekly editions, when the wintry days came.

The late George E. Treadwell became first part owner, and finally, when ill health compelled W. J. Bannan to go West, full owner of the paper. He organized a stock company known as The News Company, giving his employees shares of stock. These employees’

shares finally were re-bought by Mr. Treadwell, and to-day the stock of The News Company is owned entirely by the estate of George E. Treadwell, and the paper is controlled by Mrs. G. E. Treadwell. Fred L. Rentz is now manager of The News.

The paper has been a party to some heated controversies. It has won and lost some political fights. It has taken its position on all questions with one motive alone and that motive has been “Right.” If it is true that every man has his price it is equally true that the price has never been high enough to touch the editorship of The News. It is the writer’s opinion that no price could ever have influenced the controllers of The News.

REV. JOHN S. DICE, the beloved and honored pastor of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church of North Beaver township, was born in Poland, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1844. He sprang from an honored ancestry, his parents being George and Catherine A. (Phillips) Dice, and his grandparents John and Mary (Spargo) Dice.

John Dice, the grandfather, was of German birth, coming from Saxony, while the grandmother had English blood in her veins. John Dice came to America and settled in Washington Co., Pa. He was for years a successful and leading farmer, finally retiring, and died at the age of eighty-four. His wife attained the advanced age of seventy-seven years. The children born of this union were: John, born in 1800; Betsey, 1802; Joseph, 1804; George, 1806; Polly, 1808; Abraham, 1810; Jacob, 1812; Henry,

1814; Lydia, 1816; James, 1818; Matthew, 1820; and Eli, 1823.

George Dice, the father of Rev. John S., was the fourth child of that remarkable family, and was born in Washington Co., Pa. He early in life learned the shoemaker's trade, but later on became a farmer. His first farm was near Poland, Ohio, then he bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits in Crawford Co., Pa., and finally moved to a farm he purchased near New Wilmington, Pa., where his death took place at the age of seventy-six. His wife, the mother of our subject, was in many ways a notable woman. She was a daughter of James and Margaret (Renfrew) Phillips. Margaret Renfrew was a daughter of a Scottish nobleman of the highest rank. Her marriage out of her position in life for a time caused an estrangement between herself and her parents, but later on her family, becoming aware of the true worth of the man she loved, forgave her freely. Catherine A. (Phillips) Dice attained the age of seventy-seven years. She bore to her husband a family no less worthy of notice than that of which he himself had been a member. The children were: Terschand Renfrew, born July 31, 1831; Mary Jane, Oct. 23, 1833; George Warner, Nov. 19, 1834; a son, Sept. 6, 1836; Lydia Eliza, Nov. 22, 1837; Jeannette, Feb. 12, 1840; James Phillips, Jan. 31, 1842; John Smith, our subject, Nov. 12, 1844; William Henry, March 16, 1847; Alice Henrietta, Nov. 9, 1849; and Orris Fowler, May 6, 1852.

John Smith Dice first of all received a careful home training. He next prepared for and entered the Westminster College of New Wilmington, and was graduated in the Class of 1869. He

then became a student in the Allegheny Theological Seminary, and graduated in 1873. He had been licensed to preach the previous year, and was formally ordained as a minister of the gospel, April 21, 1874. His first call was to the church of which he is to-day the pastor. A service of a quarter of a century in this field has so identified the Rev. Mr. Dice with his charge that a few words in regard to the history of the church would not be amiss at this point.

The Bethel United Presbyterian Church was founded in 1797 or '98, and was known as the Seceders church; it was later known more familiarly to residents of this part of the county as the Little Beaver Church, and was located three miles south of its present site, near the Samuel Taylor farm. The Rev. James Duncan was the first regular pastor, being installed and ordained in 1800, and he remained four years. Up to 1804 services had been mainly held in a tent; in that year the first church building was erected. It was of round logs, 18x20 feet on the ground, and stood where the present structure is located. In 1816 the old log church was enlarged. The first frame edifice was constructed in 1836 or '37; this building was 44x56 feet in dimensions and answered all demands until the present church home, 40x60 feet, took its place Sept. 22, 1870.

That the twenty-five years, during which the Rev. Mr. Dice has labored in his Master's vineyard, has been productive of the greatest possible amount of good to the church and the community at large cannot be doubted. A man of more than ordinary ability as an evangelist, of warm heart, and of deep Christian fervor and convictions, he is the friend of all. In times of trouble and deep distress his heart and sympathy

are known to the community. On joyful occasions, no one adds more to the pleasant hour. His piety is undoubted. He is withal a broad-minded man, and alive to human feelings and interests. When he came here, the flock numbered eighty-four souls, and now there are nearly two hundred members. As a leader, a teacher, and an expounder of true Christian principles, he has succeeded beyond the shadow of a doubt. His home, which he built in 1878 on a ten-acre plot, which he bought from the J. R. Hayes farm, is a model of beauty and good taste; surrounded as it is by shrubbery, flowers, and green lawns, it is indeed a place good to live in. His esteemed wife, Margaret, who was a daughter of Charles and Margaret McQuigg of Allegheny City, Pa., has borne him four children: Charles Lyle, now in college; Alice Bovard, now a student in the Allegheny High School; James Renfrew; and Margaret McQuigg.

In his lovely home, in the midst of his family, and the many near and dear ones, whom Mr. Dice's life-work has drawn to him, the honored pastor lives a calm and peaceful life. Apart from those elements which so often harrass and worry, with his life-work clearly marked out ahead, and a clean record of a life well-spent behind, the Rev. John S. Dice is a happy man in the fullest sense of the word. To those of his many acquaintances, who have learned to love him and respect his noble worth, the likeness of him that appears on a page in proximity, will appeal with far more than passing interest. Mrs. Dice also has a large circle of warm and intimate friends, and it is with pleasure that we also publish her portrait as a companion picture to that of her husband's.

JAMES RAMSEY DAVIDSON, lately deceased, was a prominent contractor and builder of New Castle, Pa., but was leading a retired life the last few years preceding his death. He was born in North Beaver township, Lawrence Co., Pa., Nov. 1, 1818, and received his early mental training in the common schools of his native place, and after completing the course of study mapped out for the youth of the district, which education, although considered amply sufficient for those early days, would be thought sadly lacking for the needs of the present time, he learned the carpenter's and builder's trade, which he successfully followed until 1861, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of lumber for ten years. In his day he was considered a very competent and skilled workman. He helped construct the first buildings in what is known as West New Castle, and also did work on the Old Stone Corner. Afterwards he worked at his trade in Pittsburg, being engaged on the old Cathedral, and spent a number of years in the employ of Brown, the Coal King, Machine work in the preparation of building material was unknown in those times, and as all the work was done by hand, much labor was required. Mr. Davidson jokingly remarked to a friend, when asked how much work he had accomplished: "Oh, I planed the Allegheny Mountains into the Atlantic Ocean."

Our subject was a son of Capt. James Davidson, who was born Feb. 13, 1786, in Ireland, it is supposed in the northern part. The father of Capt. James, and grandfather of James Ramsey Davidson, was William Davidson, who was born in Ireland, and who married a widow, Mary Ramsey (whose maiden name was Ramsey),

who had two children by a former marriage, Thomas and Barbara, who died in infancy. William Davidson's father having died at the old home in Ireland, William, as the eldest son, assumed the place of head of the family, and, in company with his widowed mother, his wife and two children, James and Rosanna, his sisters, Lydia, Sally, Molly, Peggy, Esther, and his two brothers, James and Robert, came to America, settling first in Redstone, near Carlisle, Pa. After living in that locality a few years, William with his family proceeded "out West" to McKeesport, Pa., but their stay in that section was not protracted to any extent, and in April, 1794, they removed to the old homestead site, then located in Beaver County, but now a part of Lawrence County. One of the interesting as well as thrilling incidents of the journey came to pass in this manner: They came on as far as Beaver, where they rested a short time with William's sister, Lydia Alexander; from there to their newly chosen home, they made the journey in a day, arriving at their destination at nightfall. The father led one horse, across whose back was adjusted a wallet, the ends of which contained the two little ones, Elizabeth and Mary; in addition the household bedding and other necessary domestic articles were heaped in a pack on the animal's back. The mother rode the second horse, and carried in her arms the six weeks old infant, Lydia. The two older children walked and drove a little cow. While crossing Rock's Ridge, the horse, ridden by the mother, stumbled, throwing her over its head, and she threw the infant ahead of her. Full of apprehension and dire misgivings, the parents hastened to the spot where the babe lay, and to

their surprise found it sleeping, as if nothing at all had occurred. As they had previously narrowly escaped drowning, the mother remarked that that child surely was not born to be either drowned or hanged. William Davidson departed this life, Aug. 30, 1826, aged sixty-eight years; his wife passed away Feb. 10, 1831, aged seventy-four years. One branch of the Davidson family went South, and the other West, and as a distinctive feature in both branches will be found the names of James, William, Robert, and Samuel. Gen. Davidson, who was killed in the battle of the Cowpens during the Revolution, came from the same section of Pennsylvania.

Capt. James Davidson was brought to this country when quite young, and followed agricultural pursuits from the first. He was a prominent and leading character among his fellow-associates; politically he was an Abolitionist, and held several town offices. At the time of the War with the British in 1812, Mr. Davidson was captain of a company; when he returned home he raised a company of volunteers, and was later accorded the title and rank of major. Besides farming, he also occupied himself in surveying. In his religious belief he was a Seceder, and then a United Presbyterian. An Abolitionist in his sympathies, his support was invariably given to the Whig party, until its disruption and assimilation into the Republican party, to which party from then on he gave full allegiance. His death took place Sept. 12, 1856, aged seventy years, six months and twenty-nine days. His wife, Elizabeth Houston, whom he married Dec. 4, 1810, died in her seventy-fifth year, Feb. 28, 1864. William Findley Davidson, the eldest of

the six children born to our subject's parents, was born Feb. 26, 1812, was united in marriage with Harriet Newell Dungan, native of North Beaver township, this county, in the month of February, 1842, and died Nov. 16, 1873. Twelve children resulted from this union, as follows: Elizabeth Jane, born July 17, 1843; James Franklin, Sept. 6, 1844; Thomas Dungan, April, 1846; Joseph; Robert Stephen, March 7, 1850; Deborah; Margaret, March 17, 1854; Mary, April 20, 1856; Harriet, April 21, 1858; William Albert, Aug. 16, 1860; John Charles, June, 1863; and Samantha, 1865. Jane, the eldest daughter of Capt. Davidson, was born in 1813, and died in September, 1895. Thomas Houston, the second son, died in February, 1890. He took for his partner Anna Mehard, who still survives him; seven children blessed this union, as follows—Tillie, James, Marguerite, Elizabeth, William, Samuel and Thomas, who died in infancy. Maria, the next in order of birth, was born June 19, 1817, was married May 25, 1847, to James McAnlis, a native of Ireland, and departed this life Sept. 3, 1881. Their three sons were as follows: James Davidson, born March 17, 1848; John Gilmore, Dec. 27, 1849; and William Kirkpatrick, May 1, 1856. Then comes James R., the subject of this sketch, and after him Samuel Houston. The latter married Harriet McClelland, and gathered about his fireside a family of eight children: James Albert; Emily, deceased; Robert; William; Mary; Lizzie, deceased; Hattie; and Ella. Samuel H. Davidson died Feb. 20, 1888.

Our subject in his political affiliations was a staunch and unyielding Republican, but was never an aspirant for office of whatever descrip-

tion. On Feb. 28, 1872, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of Alvah and Isabel (Allsworth) Leonard of Moravia, Pa. Two children resulted from this union: Elizabeth Bell, born Nov. 28, 1872; and Mary Dell, born Nov. 1, 1873. Both young ladies are graduates of the New Castle High School, Miss Elizabeth being valedictorian in the Class of 1891, and Miss Dell graduating in the Class of 1893. After spending three years in Kentucky, where the two daughters were born, Mr. Davidson and family moved to their Locust Hill home, where the mother and daughters reside. Mr. Davidson was a member of the United Presbyterian Church his entire life, which closed Feb. 22, 1893.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, the superintendent of the New Castle Water Company, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., March 26, 1828. His boyhood years were spent in Brownsville, Pa., and the only thing that distinguished him particularly from his associates in school and out of school, engaged in pastimes or work, was his liking for machinery, which amounted well-nigh to a fascination. At the age of eighteen years he took up the trade of a machinist, spending two years in Brownsville, and finishing his apprenticeship in the city of Pittsburg. He then went West and was a steamboat engineer on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers until 1853, when he returned to his native State and located in New Castle. He followed his trade in the large mills of the city until 1881, and since that time has been superintendent of the New Castle Water Works,

the year 1881 marking the establishment of the present plant. He is a thorough mechanic and a competent engineer.

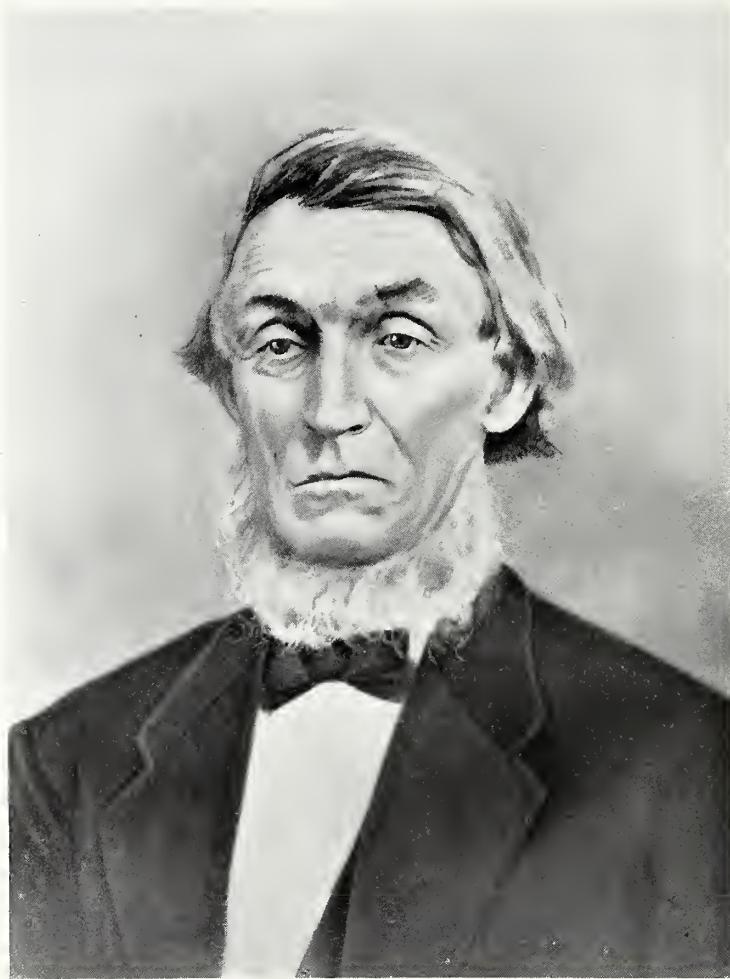
Mr. Taylor is a son of John and Mary (Walker) Taylor. Our subject's father was born near Washington, D. C., where he grew to manhood and married his wife, who was a native of Wilmington, Delaware. They crossed the mountains in 1813, and settled in Brownsville, Pa., where Mr. Taylor worked in a paper mill, having mastered his trade before removing from his native place. After a few years he moved to Pittsburg, where he made his home a number of years; subsequently he secured a financial interest in a paper mill at Brownsville, and so returned to that place, and continued in business there until compelled to retire on account of the growing infirmity of old age. He accordingly disposed of whatever interests as would prevent him from enjoying a calm and untroubled old age, and passed the remainder of his life in New Castle, dying there at the age of seventy-eight years. He was an old-line Whig and then a Republican in his political attachments. The family were attendants of the M. E. Church. Eight children were born to our subject's parents, as follows: Sarah A. (Davis); Elizabeth (Tilton); Jane (Crowell); Harriet (Coburn); Thomas; John W., our subject; Mary (Lynn); and William E.

Our subject is a member of the Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Shenango Lodge, No. 195, I. O. O. F.; Lawrence Encampment, No. 86; A. O. U. W.; and R. T. of T., Free Will Council, No. 29. He has acted as treasurer of the Shenango Lodge for twenty-six years. In his politics, he is a Republican, and proud of

the fact. The New Castle M. E. Church includes Mr. Taylor and family among its very regular worshippers. In 1856, Mr. Taylor married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Thomas and Christiana (Luper) Smith. Thomas Smith came from Meadville, Pa., in 1830, to New Castle, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and died at the age of sixty; his wife lived to be eighty-five years old. Eight children were born to them: Ann (Vogan); Daniel; Isabella (Harlan); John; Porter R.; Elizabeth (Taylor); Martha (Simmons); and William. The union of our subject and his inestimable wife has resulted in three children: John W., Jr.; Isabel H.; and William E.

WILLIAM F. DOUDS, deputy sheriff of Lawrence Co., Pa., residing in New Castle, was born in Centerville, Butler Co., this State, Nov. 8, 1832, and is a son of John and Sarah (Gilmore) Douds.

Our subject's grandfather was born in the northern part of Ireland, and emigrated to America, settling first in Maryland, and then in Pennsylvania. John Douds, his son, was born in Franklin Co., Pa., and learned the blacksmith's trade by serving an apprenticeship, and later devoted his whole life to edge-tool making, becoming an expert in that line of work. In 1844 he came to New Castle, and went into business for himself, putting in a trip-hammer, and doing very nice and finished work. He was a very hard-working man, and broke down his exceptionally strong and vigorous constitution, and died at the age of sixty-seven; his wife lived to be eighty-two years old. It is worthy of men-



DAVID C. MARSHALL.

tion here that his father was a charcoal-burner by trade, and our subject's father accordingly burned the charcoal which he used exclusively for heating the metal he worked. He was a Democrat and then a Republican in politics. His children who grew up were: Elinor; David; Hugh; William F.; George; and Perry.

William F. Douds served an apprenticeship in the Lawrence Foundry as a moulder, and worked there thirty-three years, and was engaged in that work when he was elected sheriff of Lawrence County in 1882, and filled that office with eminent satisfaction; since 1886 he served as deputy sheriff, a position he now holds.

He married Margaret Davis, daughter of Archibald Davis. She died in 1865 at the age of thirty-four, leaving two children. Agnes H. married Thomas P. Kennedy, and has a family of two children—John and Elinor. John W. died at the age of seventeen. In the late war Mr. Douds enlisted in 1863, in Co. A, 55th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., for three months service. He owns real estate in the town.

DAVID C. MARSHALL, a highly esteemed citizen of Wayne township, who is practically retired from his occupation of farming, and is living on his estate near Chewton, was born in Lawrence County, in Little Beaver township, December 20, 1815. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Clark) Marshall, and his grandparents were Hugh and Hannah Marshall.

Hugh Marshall was born in northern Ireland, and with his wife and children started out to make a home in the new country that offered

such attractions to them. They stopped at Pittsburgh, and in company with a Mr. Crawford, Mr. Marshall set out for what is now Big Beaver township. They made a small clearing, but were hindered by the Indians to a great extent and made little progress until William Penn purchased the territory of the red men, and peace was established between the wild denizen of the forest and the advancing heralds of civilization. There were four sons in the family, and when Mr. Marshall died he left the task of carrying on his work to his eldest son, John.

In time John Marshall became the owner of 400 acres of land, and gave to each of his sons a good farm of large dimensions. He was a stirring, hard-working pioneer, and brought about all the increase in his worldly possessions by his own efforts. He lived to the age of seventy-five, while his wife was seventy-eight when she was called to lay down her earthly burden and enter into rest. Their children were: David C.; John; Marvin, who lives on the old farm; Margaret; and Hugh James. Mr. Marshall during the War of 1812 was a private, stationed at Fort Erie.

David C. Marshall spent his boyhood and youth at home, and on attaining his majority bought the Robertson farm of 104 acres, a greater portion of which he cleared in the subsequent years of his occupancy. In 1857, he built a home on it, and gradually gave a spirit of thrift and prosperity to the whole place, adding extensive barns in 1873. Mr. Marshall had had large interests in sheep-raising, but of recent years, because of the unprofitableness of that industry, he has paid more attention to dairying, and to grain producing. At the present time,

because of the weight of his years, he leases the farm to responsible parties, but still lives in the house that he built there.

Mrs. Marshall was once Margaret Davidson, and her father was a native of Ireland. She was born in Beaver Co., Pa., July 1, 1816, and died July 5, 1895. Our subject's children are as follows: Elizabeth Jane, who is housekeeper for her father, and has devoted herself to the care of her parents in their last years; John is spoken of elsewhere in this volume; Sarah Margaret married I. T. Spangler and is demised; Andrew died at the age of six; William Hillis is treated under a sketch bearing his name as the title; Mary M.; and Rachel Nannie, who died in girlhood. In the earlier days of political parties, Mr. Marshall was a Whig, but ever since the stirring campaign that put Abraham Lincoln in the President's chair, he has been a Republican. He has held various offices of trust in the township, and is a strong, virile character. He takes a great interest in educational matters, and considers it the duty of every community to look after the younger members, who in time will follow in the footsteps of those who are passing away. It is scarcely necessary to say that this upright man and good citizen is receiving his just reward in the appreciation of his many friends and neighbors. In illustrating this Book of Biographies, the publishers have limited themselves to presenting only the portraits of leading citizens who are representative of some section or of some distinct walk in life. With this in view, we have presented Mr. Marshall's likeness on a preceding page, for he holds an indisputable position of prominence among the successful agriculturalists of Wayne township.

SAMUEL FOLTZ, deceased, ex-president of the First National Bank of New Castle, was born in Butler Co., Pa., in 1830, and was a son of Norbert Foltz, who was born in Strausburg, Germany, Nov. 4, 1774, and died at the age of ninety-five at his home in Butler County.

Norbert Foltz learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, and followed the same throughout his life; he emigrated to this country when a young man, and settled in Butler, Pa., where he met and married Elizabeth Riddle, in 1825. Naturally industrious, he was a hard worker, and saved with true German thrift most of what he earned, and became a wealthy man for those times and that section of the country, being one of the largest land owners in Butler County. Norbert Foltz and his good wife reared to manhood and womanhood seven children, as follows: Mary; James Madison; Samuel; John Adams; Francis Marion; Julia; and Horatio Nelson.

Samuel, the third child, was born in 1830, and was brought up and received an education in his native town. At an early age he formed a desire to become a lawyer, and so studied the fundamental principles of legal procedure under the direction of his wife's uncle, Charles C. Sullivan, and was admitted to the bar from that gentleman's office. Our subject became interested in the iron business in the fifties, and with his father-in-law, William Stewart, owned and operated the Margaret and Will-Roy furnaces in Butler and Lawrence Counties respectively, until 1865, when Mr. Stewart moved to Pittsburg, and Mr. Foltz came to the city of New Castle, where he made his home until death, which resulted Oct. 22, 1878, from injuries he received in a run-

away accident. During all the years of his residence in New Castle he retained large interests in the various industries that are related to the manufacture of iron. In 1873 he organized the private bank of Foltz & Long, and a year later bought stock in the First National Bank of New Castle, becoming president of the latter bank, and remaining in that position until his death. He married Amanda G. Stewart, daughter of William Stewart, and their union was blessed with the following children: William Stewart, Le Roy Sullivan; Margaret Stewart (Brown); Samuel; Richard; David; and Mary Amanda, the last three deceased. His business interests did not suffer from being handled by strange hands, but were taken up where he left them, and admirably looked after by his three sons—William S., Le Roy S., and Samuel. They were associated with him in the private banking business previous to his death, and afterwards carried on the Foltz Bank until 1883, when it was consolidated with the First National Bank. Upon our subject's death, his oldest son, William S., was elected president of the First National Bank, in which capacity he is still retained; Samuel is connected with the same institution as cashier.

William Stewart, who has been mentioned above as our subject's father-in-law, and also business partner for a number of years, was born on Squirrel Hill, now the city of Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 11, 1802, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Caughy) Stewart, both natives of Glasgow, Scotland. William Stewart, Jr., entered the employ of the Butler Sentinel at the age of fourteen years, and worked there for a period of several years. He married Margaret Sullivan, daughter of Charles Sullivan, a soldier

of the American Revolution, who settled in Butler County. In 1848, William Stewart engaged in the iron business, at first operating the Margaret Furnace in Butler County, near Centerville, and later the Will-Roy Furnace in Lawrence County; subsequently he returned to Butler County, purchased and operated the Winfield Furnace. In 1865, he moved to Pittsburg, where he lived until 1884, when he came to New Castle, where he continued to live until his death, June 29, 1888. His wife, bright and active, enjoyed almost perfect health to the day of her death, which occurred May 20, 1884, aged eighty-seven years, having been born March 30, 1797, at Chartiers, Allegheny Co., Pa. In politics Mr. Stewart was a Whig and later a Republican; in his younger years he served very acceptably as cashier in the State Treasury Department under State Treasurer Gilmore; he also was honored with an election to the State Legislature, representing Mercer, Butler, and Lawrence Counties as one district. He was a man of excellent judgment and business qualifications and was a regularly ordained local minister in M. E. Church for forty years. In view of the steady rise he made from an humble beginning we feel certain that the term self-made admirably describes him and his career in business. His first business venture was the building of a portion of the Erie Canal. He was well-posted not alone to his immediate surroundings and walks in life, but also in a broader sense; reading was almost his sole recreation, and he made it also a source of great profit. He possessed strong personal characteristics, was stern in his decisions and positive in his opinions. He was director of the First National Bank of New Cas-

tle for several years prior to his death, that event terminating his office. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were blessed with five children, as follows: Elizabeth; Mary (McKee); Amanda (Foltz), the wife of our subject; Melissa P. (McKee); and Charles William, who died in infancy. No man was ever held in higher respect by those he employed than Mr. Stewart.

J. SETH WADDINGTON, a representative mechanic of the city of New Castle, whose residence is at No. 116 South Jefferson Street, is the superintendent of the Vulcan Iron Co., whose works and office are at Nos. 406-420 Moravia Street. He was born in East Brook, now in Lawrence County, but then a part of Mercer County, Nov. 1, 1837, and is a son of Benjamin C. and Nancy (Burnley) Waddington, the latter a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Holmes) Burnley. Joseph Burnley was born in England in 1766, and came to America in 1832; he was a woolen manufacturer, and died about 1851. Our subject's grandfather on his father's side, Benjamin Waddington, Sr., spent his whole life in England, where he was engaged in the woolen mills during the active years of his life, his death occurring in 1845. Our subject's father, Benjamin Waddington, Jr., was born at Eccles Hill, Yorkshire, England, in 1799, and died at Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 29, 1876; his body was sent back to East Brook, this county, where it was interred in the family plot. He was a member of the M. E. Church. In politics, he was a Democrat. He was a woolen-spinner by trade,

and was employed many years in the mills at East Brook.

Our subject was reared in the village of East Brook until the age of nine, when the family became residents of New Castle, in which city they lived two or three years, and then moved to Fallston. Until about fourteen years of age, he attended the schools of the various cities of which he was a resident, and at that age began to learn the machinist's trade in the Ohio & Pennsylvania R. R. shops at Allegheny City, where he remained some three years and a half.

The following year and a half were spent at Crestline and Gallion, Ohio, in the shops of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Crestline R. R. Then upon his return to Allegheny City, he worked in the shops six years and a half, after which he came to East Brook, where he took up his residence, and was for two years engaged in a store with his brother. Again returning to Allegheny City, he resumed his old place in the railroad shops and continued in the employ of the company through the years 1863-66. In the latter year, he came to New Castle, working some six years for the New Castle Manufacturing Co. In 1872, he became a partner in the Shaw, Waddington & Co. concern, machinists, in connection with his brother and Mr. Shaw. This partnership lasted until 1881, when he leased the New Castle Manufacturing Co.'s works, which he operated for two years. In 1883, he leased the Shaw shop and ran that three years and in 1886 he established a shop of his own, which he operated for a year or two, and then sold to the New Castle Plow Company, and assumed his present position as superintendent of the Vulcan Iron Co., which has its works on Moravia Street.

Mr. Waddington was married March 21, 1860, in Allegheny City, to Sarah J. Howard, daughter of Aaron and Esther (Hennessey) Howard, and to him and his wife have been born five children: Emma, who married R. D. Kissinger of Beaver Falls, and has borne him one child, Earl; Linnie, who married Albert Evans, an engineer of Mahoningtown, and has borne him four children, Roy, Jessie, Joseph and Zelda; Fannie, who married Frank Bellevs of New Brighton, to whom has been given one son, Carl; Cora; and Howard. Mrs. Waddington is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics, our subject is strictly independent, and party allegiance has no hold on him. He is a member of New Castle Lodge, No. 6, Protected Home Circle. An uncle of Mr. Waddington, John Burnley by name, participated in the battle of Waterloo.

T. LOGAN HENRY, for many years past a prominent and prosperous farmer of North Beaver township, was born at Mt. Jackson in that township, in the first dwelling-house erected in the village, Jan. 16, 1824. Mr. Henry is a son of William and Jane (Logan) Henry, and a grandson of the old pioneer Francis Henry, who in the early days moved from Washington Co., Pa., and settled near Poland, Mahoning Co., Ohio, where he died at a ripe old age. Francis Henry was well-known throughout that section as an upright, industrious citizen, and he was a fitting founder of a family whose history has been inseparably linked with that of their chosen abiding places.

William Henry, son of Francis and father of the subject of this sketch, was born east of the mountains, moved with his father to the Ohio home, and settled on a farm near Poland. Here death claimed his first wife, a Miss Gray, whom he had married when a resident of Washington Co., Pa., just prior to going to Ohio. She left him as a precious legacy two daughters—Margaret and Matilda. After a few years had elapsed, William Henry married Jane Logan, who became the mother of the subject of this notice. Following his second marriage, Mr. Henry and his wife moved to North Beaver township, buying and settling on the farm owned later on by Mr. Dunnon. Here Mr. Henry, alive to the demands of a thriving young community, opened the first store in the township. When the village of Mt. Jackson was laid out, he was one of the first investors. He bought three lots, and on one of them erected the first dwelling-house in the place. The store was also provided for, which Mr. Henry stocked with staple articles of merchandise and conducted many years. The dwelling, referred to, stood where the residence of John F. Pitts is now located, and the site of the store is now occupied by D. M. Weddle's store. William Henry was an American to the core. He loved a good horse and made frequent trips on horseback to Philadelphia, where he purchased supplies for his store. In 1817, Mr. Henry was appointed postmaster in the now thriving town, a position he held many years with honor to himself and advantage to his fellow-citizens. The year 1832 found him a prosperous merchant and an extensive owner of real estate in and about Mt. Jackson—there being besides many smaller proper-

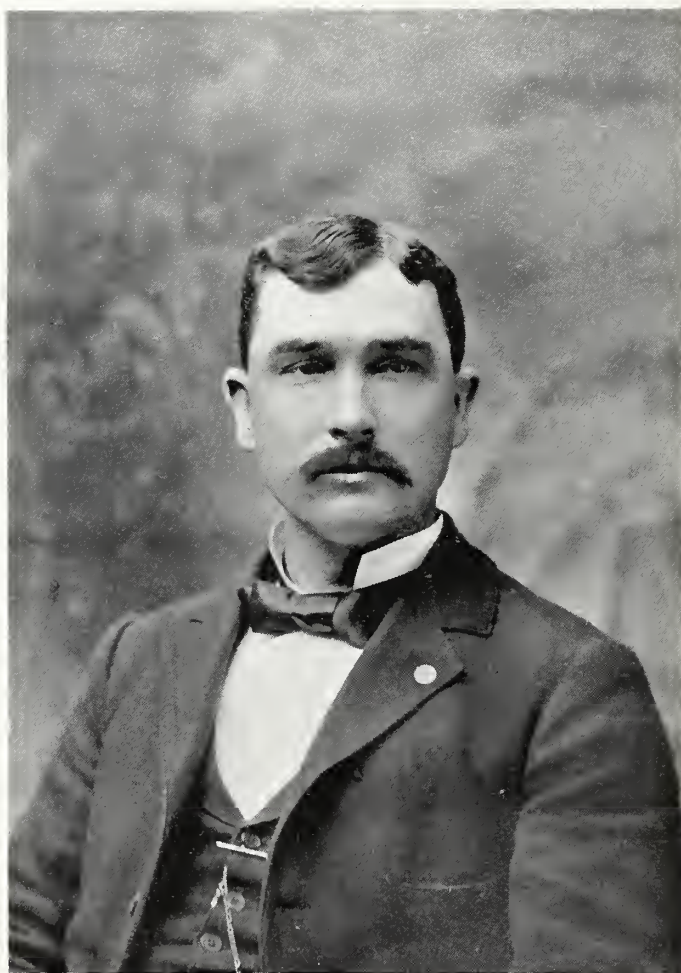
ties the J. Dixon farm, the Mrs. Magill and the Van Atta farm. About 1840, Mr. Henry brought his successful mercantile career to a close, and built the residence on the McGill farm, which he occupied, and which is now the home of the subject of this sketch. The balance of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and to the care of the property which his industry and good management had accumulated. Many evidences of his correct methods may be seen to-day in the improvements he made on the farms that were under his immediate control. William Henry, besides being endowed with varied business talents, stood high among his fellow-citizens. Many men knew him as a friend ever ready to extend a helping hand. He was a devoted Christian; a member of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the prime movers in building the present church edifice of that denomination in Mt. Jackson. He died in 1872, mourned by all who knew him. Eight children were born of the second marriage: John J.; William Harrison; Francis Brown; Eliza; T. Logan, the subject of this sketch; Mary; James; and Matilda.

T. Logan Henry received the very best educational advantages which the schools of Mt. Jackson could give. He was from boyhood his father's right-hand man and helper, even down through the latter's declining years. The methods of the father became those of the son; as the burdens grew too heavy for the older, they found a ready and trained bearer in the younger. Success, which was certainly won by the pioneer, has been retained and maintained by his worthy successor. T. Logan Henry inherited the old home place and 250 acres of land, all of which

with the exception of a small plot he still owns. This farm has been brought to a high state of cultivation, and every improvement, which modern ideas suggest, has been added. Acres of bearing orchards, invariably loaded down with fruit, with everything in the best of condition, show the care and foresight of a practical man who understands very detail of his business. In 1878 a handsome barn, 44x66 feet in dimensions, with a high basement, was built, and the old home enlarged and remodeled. Many out-buildings have been added from time to time as they were needed.

Early in life, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Ellen Bushnell, daughter of the Rev. Wells Bushnell of Mt. Jackson township; she died at the age of forty-eight, leaving two daughters—Jennie and Minnie. Miss Jennie is a graduate of Percers College, and is well known in teaching circles. Minnie is the wife of Samuel Hoffmaster of Mt. Jackson.

T. Logan Henry has always been an active, public-spirited and valued citizen. While not a politician, he has often been heard with telling effect in the councils of his chosen party. He was originally a stanch Whig, and when the question of human slavery merged that party into the Republican party, he became an enthusiastic Republican, and an advocate for equal rights for white and black. There was no sturdier champion of Liberty and Union than he, and his faith in the ultimate result never wavered. To the blue-coated soldiers in the field or to the children left behind he was always a friend. Mr. Henry has never sought office, but the willing, hearty votes of his fellow-townsmen have often placed him in public positions. He



HERMAN E. McMILLIN, M. D.

has been clerk, supervisor, school director, assessor and overseer of the poor in turn. He has always been an active churchman, being a member from youth of the Presbyterian Church. Though now well along in life, Mr. Henry retains the marks of his rugged American ancestry; active, clear-headed and acute as of yore he brings all the ripe experiences of the days gone by to bear upon present-day problems. Respected by all, he is rounding out a life that has been well-lived and useful to all who have come within its influence.

HERMAN E. McMILLIN, M. D., is the leading physician of Mahoningtown, and as such enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large number of patrons in that borough and scattered about in the surrounding country. He is a native of Lawrence County, and was born in Wurtemberg, Wayne township, March 13, 1862; he is a son of William and Eleanor (McMillin) McMillin, and was third in order of birth in a family of eleven children. William McMillin was born in Big Meadows, this county, April 14, 1825, and died March 25, 1895, after a well-spent life in the pursuits of agriculture. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in his political views was first a Whig and then a Republican. His parents were Edward and Nancy (Lamont) McMillin, both of Scotch parentage. Edward McMillin, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and followed farming throughout the active period of his life, died in 1830 at the age of fifty years; he was a mem-

ber of the United Presbyterian Church. Our subject's mother was born near New Castle, and was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mouk) McMillin. Mary Mouk was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., a daughter of Daniel Mouk, a native of Pennsylvania, and a blacksmith by trade, who attained the age of eighty years. Joseph McMillin, grandfather of Dr. McMillin on his mother's side, was born in Washington County about 1814, and was killed at the age of sixty-nine by being thrown from his carriage in a runaway accident. He was a tinner by trade; his father, John McMillin, was a farmer by occupation, and was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania somewhere in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

Dr. McMillin attended the district schools in the vicinity of his father's farm near Wampum until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Rock Island, Ill., and worked two years in a lumber mill. On his return, he attended Grove City College in Mercer County for four years, and then for the next six years was engaged in teaching school. During this period, having already fixed his aim on the medical profession, he was preparing himself by judicious reading to prosecute with credit his studies in that chosen field. He then attended the Western Reserve of Cleveland, Ohio, for a year and the University of Wooster, Ohio, and graduated on March 26, 1891, from the Medical College of Western Pennsylvania. In the following month he came to Mahoningtown, and located and opened an office, where he has since been engaged in the successful practice of his profession. Our subject has met with the most flattering recognition of his ability and worth during

his short residence in Mahoningtown, and has won golden opinions from all fair-minded men for his honorable and professional method of treating all applications for his skilled assistance. His practice has grown phenomenally, and within the first six months after locating, he could well lay claim to the largest practice in the borough, and this practice is still growing and extending its bounds.

Politically, Dr. McMillin has always associated himself with the Republican party, and has served two terms on the school board. Socially, he is a member of Amazon Lodge, No. 336, Knights of Pythias, of Mahoningtown; and of the Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, F. & A. M., of New Castle.

The publishers of this volume take great pleasure in presenting Dr. McMillin's portrait on a preceding page, in connection with the foregoing biographical sketch.

ARCHIE REED, the assistant yardmaster on the Beaver Valley Division of the Pennsylvania R. R. at New Castle, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., June 21, 1833. Archibald Reed, Sr., Mr. Reed's father, married a Miss Whittaker, but as her death occurred when our subject was only four years old, he remembers very little of her. Archibald Reed, Sr., was probably born in Allegheny Co., Pa., and that remained his home and continued to be the scene of his agricultural labors until about the year 1867, when he moved to Newport, where he lived some sixteen or eighteen years, his death occurring in Mahoningtown, as a result of a railway accident.

Of nine children in the parental family, Archie was third; he remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, and attended the district schools until he was eighteen in Enon Valley, whither his father had moved when our subject was five years old. When a youth he learned the blacksmith's trade in his brother's shop, and labored one year at the forge; then after eighteen months on the farm he left for the West, working eight months at his trade in Mahaska and Poweshiek Counties, Iowa, then returning at the expiration of that period to Pennsylvania, where he worked for a time at his trade at Wampum Furnace and at Homewood Furnace for three years, and at Homewood Station something over three years. At this stage in his life begins his connection with the railroad service; after braking two years and six months, he became a conductor, and for twenty-five years held that position, and to-day he is probably the oldest railroad man on the rolls. Since 1890, he has not done active service as a conductor, but has served efficiently as the assistant yard-master on the Beaver Falls Division of the Pennsylvania R. R.

Mr. Reed was married, Nov. 16, 1858, in Mercer County, to Sarilla Swoger, daughter of James and Margaret (Miller) Swoger; Mrs. Reed during her life was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; her death took place at the family residence in New Castle, Aug. 6, 1891. The fruits of our subject's marriage were three children as follows: Ida, who married Oliver Irvin, a passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines, and has borne him one child, Charles; Adaline, deceased; and Carrie, the wife of Thomas Johns, a heater in the tin

mill. Mr. Reed makes his home with his youngest daughter and her husband. He was formerly a member of the Senior Order of American Mechanics during the life of that organization. Politically, he is a staunch and loyal supporter of the silver wing of the Democratic party.

JOHN SMITH TAGGART, deceased, who was one of New Castle's highly honored citizens, enjoying the full and unlimited confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens, belonged to that selected company of American citizens who can claim the title of self-made, having arisen from an humble station in life to his eminent position in the world of commercial activity purely by his own exertions. His death, which occurred on the thirtieth of December, 1896, was a serious loss not only to his family, but also to all of New Castle's citizens, and especially to the rising generation, to whom he offered the example of a life nobly spent, worthy of the highest admiration. He was born in Belmont Co., Ohio, in 1830, and was a son of Joseph and Jane (Smith) Taggart.

Joseph Taggart was of Scotch-Irish descent. With his three brothers, James, William, and Isaac, all of them older than he, he came to this country. They were not entirely without means, for their father, and their ancestors far removed, had been well-to-do farmers of the north of Ireland; with their capital the four brothers bought four hundred acres of land near St. Clairsville, Ohio, and proceeded to clear the land of the timber, build homes, and apportion the property

amongst them. The same land is owned to-day by their several descendants. Joseph Taggart died at about fifty-five years of age; his wife was not over forty years old when she was called to her long home to receive the reward of a virtuous life, replete with good deeds. Their children were: Sarah; Dorothy; Margaret; and John Smith, the subject of this biographical sketch.

John S. Taggart came to New Castle in 1853 as clerk for Pollard McCormick, and was for many years his chief clerk, trusted and honored with the supervision of many important details of the business. For many years he was with Paul Graff & Co., wholesale shoe dealers. He then entered into the oil business in Tennessee, and later in Venango Co., Pa.; he was also in the retail shoe business with his son, Samuel J., under the firm name of J. S. Taggart & Son. In 1878, our subject sold his interest in the shoe business, and went to Beaver County, where he was engaged in the oil business until 1881, when he opened up an office in New Castle to deal in real estate, and represent some of the best and most reliable insurance companies. His health had gradually failed for some years, and when rheumatism set in, his enfeebled constitution could not stand the strain, and he reluctantly prepared to leave the busy world and his loved wife and children, and obey the final summons. The end came suddenly, acute rheumatism seizing the heart, and paralyzing its action, thus preventing it from performing its necessary functions, and causing death. He had just completed a modern house, fitted up in the most attractive manner, on Grant Avenue, where he leaves a widow and children to mourn the great

loss that has come to them. His death occurred on the forty-fifth anniversary of his wedding with Nancy J. Hamilton, daughter of Samuel and Arabella (Scroggs) Hamilton, and granddaughter of Thomas and Nancy (Mitchell) Hamilton. Mrs. Taggart's grandfather, Thomas Hamilton, was born in Belfast, Ireland, his wife's birth-place also being in Ireland. Upon his arrival in the great Republic, he took up his residence near Brush Run, Beaver Co., Pa., where he farmed the remainder of his life, dying at an age exceeding seventy years. His wife lived to be over ninety years old. The following children were born to them: John; Thomas; Milo; Mitchell; George; Samuel; Elmira; and Jane. Samuel Hamilton was born on the homestead in Beaver Co., Pa., and early in life was a harness and saddle-maker. He was a spirited, active man in politics, and being blessed with a good education, he devoted much of his later life in the service of the town, serving as justice of the peace, as representative to the State Legislature, and as county commissioner. He died at the age of sixty-eight; his wife filled out twenty more years, and was eighty-eight years old when she fell into that last sleep. Their children were: Isabelle; Thomas J.; Samuel; Alexander; Nancy J., the wife of our subject; Margaret; Mary; Louise; and James. Three children are still living, Nancy J., Mary, and Louise.

To our subject and his esteemed wife were born the following children: Samuel J., who died at the age of thirty-seven; Arabella Jane, the wife of A. C. Jones; Dorothy Elizabeth, the wife of T. F. Morehead; John C., an accountant in the office of the Whiterow Co.; and Charles P.

secretary of the Rock Point Coal Co., and book-keeper of the Rosena Furnace. Mr. Taggart was a decided Republican, and served as city councilman, and as a member of the school board, holding a place in the latter organization for twenty-five years, sixteen years of which period being spent as secretary of the board. He was a leader in the United Presbyterian Church, and often acted as trustee.

CONRAD CLINE, deceased, an ex-soldier of the late war, was born in Richland Co., Ohio, Oct. 19, 1823, and was a son of Henry and Barbara (Book) Cline, natives of Essex Co., N. J., and Washington Co., Pa., respectively.

The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation, and spent his whole life on the farm, engaged in agricultural labors; he was very successful in his chosen occupation, and was considered to be one of the leading men of his neighborhood. His wife, Barbara, a daughter of Jacob Book of the State of Pennsylvania, bore him the following six children: Mary; Jacob; Eliza; Maria; Conrad, the subject of this sketch; and Sarah. Henry Cline departed this life Sept. 15, 1866, his death following that of his wife by some three years, her death having occurred Dec. 31, 1863.

Conrad Cline early in life learned the trade of a plasterer, and worked at the trade a number of years, relinquishing it at last to engage in shoemaking, an occupation he followed until his enlistment in 1863 in the United States service, in which he remained until the close of the war that decided that the South had espoused a "lost

cause." He was firm in his allegiance to the political principles and dogmas of the Republican party. In the matter of his religious preferences, he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 16, 1847, he was joined at the altar of Hymen with Mary Harbison, daughter of William Harbison of New Castle, Pa., and by their union they became the proud parents of three children: Margaret E., deceased; Sarah J., deceased; and Eliza A., who married John C. Houk of Shenango township, and presented him with nine children: Jennie E.; Margaret A.; Mary A.; Sarah E.; Edith; Conrad C.; Samuel R.; Edna; and Hazel. Our subject's first wife died Oct. 25, 1865. He afterwards formed a second union with Nancy Burton, Jan. 3, 1867. Mr. Cline departed this life Jan. 20, 1892, mourned by many friends and the best citizens of New Castle, for he had firmly established himself in their regard as a man of strict integrity, and disposed to many kindly actions.

as judge of the court. When past middle age, he removed to Wayne Co., Ohio, near Wooster, and bought a large farm, where his death took place in 1837. His wife also lived to a good old age, their hardy ancestry telling in their survival of the frosts of many winters. Their children were: John, Absalom, George, Moses, Israel, who was drowned on the Monongahela; Isaac, Aaron, Rachel, and Mahala.

Moses Matheny, our subject's father, was born while the family had its residence in Shenandoah, and while a youth learned the cabinet-maker's trade. In 1806, he married Hannah Nye, daughter of Andrew and Rachel Nye of Wayne township, Lawrence County, and removed to a farm, which he bought near the old Nye homestead. In 1817, he sold this property, and bought a farm near Wooster, Ohio, where he lived a few years, and then came back to Pennsylvania, where he bought a farm in Wayne township, where the subject of this notice was born. This farm had been but slightly improved, so for a number of years his labors were directed toward the removing of the forest growth and preparing the soil for cultivation; in this he was assisted by his sons; his trade of cabinet-making also proved very useful to him in this work, for he would exchange the furniture he made with his neighbors for work in the clearing. In company with Judge Hemphill in 1820, Mr. Matheny bought three hundred acres of land on the present site of the village of Wurtemberg. There was a great scarcity of salt in this section of the country, and what there was had to be carted for hundreds of miles and thus was very expensive, so these two gentlemen bored a salt well 586 feet in depth, and

ELIJAH GAD MATHENY, one of Ellwood City's oldest citizens, and in fact one of Lawrence County's oldest native-born residents, now living in retirement on his farm in the city, was born near the county line in Wayne township on the Weller farm, March 31, 1821.

His grandfather, Joseph Matheny, was born in Germany of a High Dutch family. When a young man, he came to this country with his brother, and settled in Shenandoah, West Virginia, where he carried on farming, and served

found a small amount of salt water to reward their efforts—the water only furnishing enough saline matter to make one barrel of salt in twelve hours; very large profits were not realized from this venture, for salt was worth about \$4 a barrel, and the work of drilling was done at great expense and hard work with a spring pole. This was the only salt found in many miles, and consequently cattle strayed thither from far and near to lick the ground, and wild game abounded in the vicinity. Mr. Matheny was interested in this business for fifteen years, and then built a mill in Slippery Rock township, near Wurtemberg, which he finally traded for the farm our subject owns. Mrs. Matheny was past sixty-five when she passed over to the far country, and Mr. Matheny was sixty years of age, when his death occurred in 1845. They reared the following children: Joseph, Nancy, Aaron, Rachel, Elizabeth, George, Mahala, Elijah Gad, Amanda, James Parker, Hannah, Moses, and John Deemer. They all grew to be strong and vigorous men and women, although at the present time but four survive—Elizabeth, Elijah Gad, James Parker, and John Deemer. The father of our subject was a Whig in his political allegiance, and in religious matters favored the M. E. Church. He was the first man in the United States that struck oil in a well in 1828, there being another man in Kentucky who struck oil in 1829.

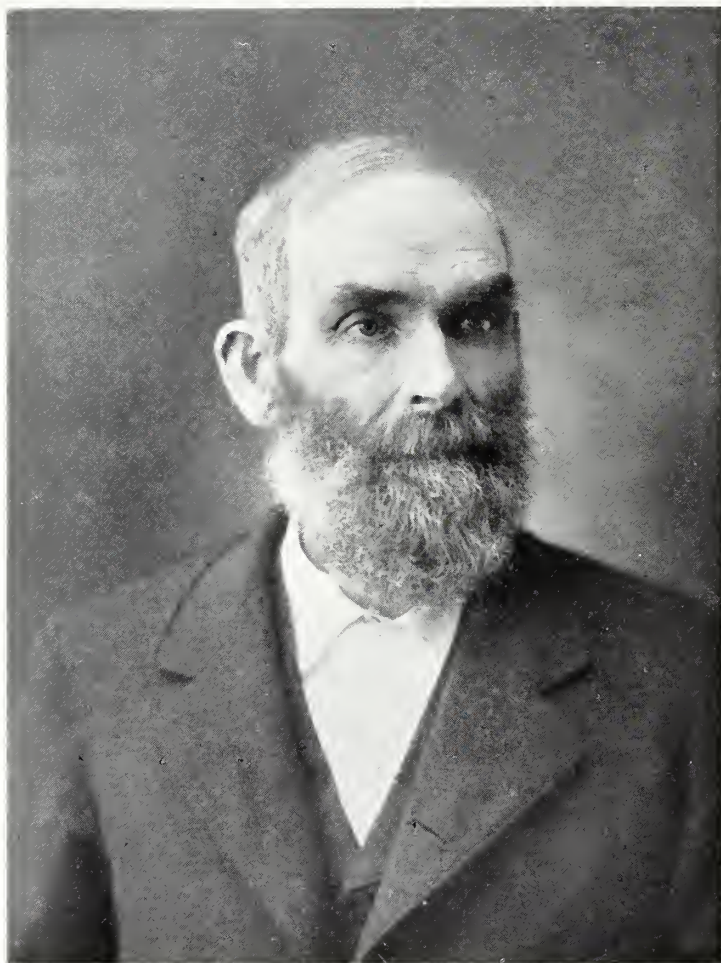
Elijah Gad Matheny had few educational advantages, as the great system of public schools was then still in embryo and did not materialize until he was a man grown. When he was seventeen years old, his father died and left a burden on our subject's young shoulders to help

carry on the farm, and care for the others of the household. He stayed with his mother until her death, and he owns the homestead, which is managed by his son, Jerdon Nye Matheny.

Mr. Matheny became the husband of Sarah Ann Nye on Feb. 12, 1846. She was born June 24, 1824, and was a daughter of Col. Jerdon M. and Hannah (Plantz) Nye. Col. Nye was born on Peter Creek, twelve miles from Pittsburg; he settled in Wayne township, where he carried on farming and stock-raising, inheriting the 130 acres from his father's estate, which later passed into the possession of our subject through his wife. Col. Nye was a colonel in the State militia, and served as justice of the peace twenty-four years.

Elijah Gad Matheny, whose history is given herein, lived on his own farm until 1874, when he removed to the farm referred to above, that belongs to Mrs. Matheny, and ran the old Matheny mill on the creek. He built a comfortable farm-house in 1883, and was engaged in the various industries of farm life until he sold his land to the Pittsburg Manufacturing Co., retaining ten acres as a homestead, and retired to enjoy the sunset years of his life. Mr. Matheny has always been a Republican until the last few years, when he transferred his allegiance to the Prohibitionists. He is overseer of the poor in Ellwood City, and has served as justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Matheny are Presbyterians in their religious faith. Their children are: Calista Isaphenia, born Nov. 12, 1846, who lives at home; Lizzie Jane, who died at the age of eighteen months; Albert T., who also passed away when twenty-one years old; Alice Arzina, born Nov. 5, 1852, who married Francis M. Davis, a





BAZZELLEEL PITZER.

prominent farmer and fruitdealer, and has these children—Alice A., Nellie E., Charles S., Nancy, Elijah G., and Alma; Alma Diadema, born Dec. 25, 1854, lives at home; Jerdon Nye, born June 18, 1857, married Anna M. Gillespie, and they have been blessed with two children—Alice A., and Joseph G.; Sherman Marshall, a flourishing dentist of New Castle, born July 22, 1862, married Nettie Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Matheny show forth in their daily lives the beauty of the teachings of the Gospel. They have, as they deserve, the good will and cordial friendship of the entire community in which they live, and their record through life is one of which their children may well be proud.

BAZZELLEEL PITZER, a wealthy and representative farmer of Taylor township, engaged in carrying on his chosen occupation at East Moravia, was born at Lawrence Junction, July 31, 1826. His parents were Michael and Elizabeth (Cameron) Pitzer; the latter was born in Pittsburg, a daughter of Allan and Elizabeth (Corman) Cameron; Allan Cameron was a native of Scotland, but immigrated to the colonies prior to the Revolutionary War, and when injustice and oppression culminated in war, he espoused the cause of the patriots, and fought nobly throughout the struggle. Our subject's father was a native of Virginia, where he was born in 1802; his death took place in Dickinson County, Tenn., in 1881. He was very handy and expert with all manner of tools, and was the master of three different trades—coopering, shoemaking, and carpentering. He was frugal

and industrious in his habits, and accumulated considerable property; with the increase in his fortune, he conceived the idea of making his home in a new country where land was plentier than where he had resided, and where he could gather all his children and their families about him. So in 1868, he removed to Dickinson County, Tenn., where he purchased 530 acres of land near Charlotte; many of his children went with him, but some of them, among whom was our subject, returned to Pennsylvania after his death. Michael Pitzer was a son of Michael Pitzer, Sr., a native of Germany, who followed farming in the State of Virginia after coming to America, and died about 1835 or 1840, aged eighty-two years.

The subject of this biography was reared in Lawrence County, and was a pupil in the subscription schools until the age of sixteen, when he began boating on the canal as tow-boy, and followed this life on the canal for five years. He then began farming, and also ran a threshing machine for a period of twenty-one years. His first landed possession was a ten-acre tract on the old Pittsburg road near Pumpkinton, where he resided ten years, and then moved to a sixty-acre farm on Snake Run farther south in Shenango township, which he occupied ten years, engaged in farming and in operating his threshing machine, in the meantime disposing of his original ten-acre tract. In 1869, he sold his farm, and bought 100 acres near Moravia, where he still resides as one of the prominent and leading agriculturists of his section.

Mr. Pitzer was joined in the bonds of matrimony in Shenango township, Dec. 26, 1849, to Margaret Reed, a daughter of William and

Anna (Cannon) Reed. Mrs. Pitzer's mother who was born in Mahoningtown, Feb. 10, 1805, still survives, and in her ninety-third year is clear and vigorous in mind, and reasonably strong and active in body for one of her age; she makes her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. J. W. Miller, in New Castle. She was a daughter of James and Betsey (Hendrickson) Cannon. James Cannon, a farmer by occupation, and son of James Cannon, Sr., was born at Shirley's Landing, Pa., and died in Shenango township, near Center Church, at the age of sixty-six. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Cornelius Hendrickson, who was the first physician to practice in Lawrence County, coming to this county in 1797, when the Indians were plentiful, with two other families, who were among the first people to settle in what was then almost a trackless wilderness. Betsey, his daughter, was severely frightened by one of the red savages when driving home the cows one evening, and it was deemed so very unsafe after that, that she was never sent again, the work being then performed by one of the men of the household. The Doctor served through the Revolutionary War. He retained his vigor to an extreme old age, and when ninety-five years of age rode six miles on horse-back to set a broken leg. William Reed, the father of Mrs. Pitzer, was born near Zanesville, Ohio, in the month of June, 1803, and learned the wheelwright's trade at Zelenople, Pa. He came to New Castle and bought a farm in 1829, where he worked at his trade and followed agricultural pursuits until his death at the age of forty. He was a son of John and Margaret (Lutton) Reed; the latter was a daughter of Ralph Lutton, who married a Miss Martin,

and she lived to be ninety-two years old. John Reed, whose father, Michael Reed, died in Ireland, was born in the Emerald Isle, and immigrated to America, settling first in Ohio, and coming to Lawrence County in 1806, where he purchased a farm in the southern part of Shenango township on Snake Run, where he died at the age of forty.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer, as follows: Della C., now deceased, who married Edward Frisbee of Shenango township, and bore him six children—Mary, Daisy B., Effie, Roy, Edward, and Harriet; Jennie H., who married Milton Crider of Freedom, Pa., and has seven children—Eva, the wife of Albert Mills, and the mother of one child, William DeForest—William H., B. Anna, Amanda, Bessie, Milton A., and Ira; William C., who lives on his farm in Big Beaver township, surrounded with a family of seven children—Anna M., Elizabeth, Ellen, Mary, James, Josie B., and Jennie; David A., living in Big Beaver township, was the second postmaster at East Moravia, holding office ten years from the establishment of the office in 1881—he has five children, Mary M., Lea, Earl, Audley, and Gertrude; Anna M., who married James A. Lindsay of Lowellville, Ohio, and has borne him five children—Robert Audley, Anna M., James A., Edith, and Jennie B.; Bessie, who was assistant postmaster many years with her brother, and is now the wife of Nicholas J. Hall of McKeesport, Pa., and the mother of one child, John Nicholas; and George Francis, who lives at Freedom, Pa., and has one child, Grace. Mrs. Pitzer, an excellent lady of wide acquaintance and deservedly popular among her friends, is an active member

of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Pitzer is a Republican in his politics, and has served as supervisor many years, such is the high esteem for integrity and good judgment in which he is held. He has been for twenty years a member of Welcome Lodge, No. 65, A. O. U. W., of Chewton, this county, and was formerly affiliated with the I. O. O. F. Our subject and his wife are a highly esteemed and respected couple, who labor in all ways to advance the interests of the community, and to show forth in their daily lives the precepts of that noble religion taught in the life of the Redeemer, and the citizens of Taylor township hold them in the highest repute for their consistent goodness and nobility of character. In 1885 he engaged in the mercantile business, in which he was very successful, remaining in trade until 1890. He then sold out at good advantage and returned to his farm. He is now enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life. We are indeed pleased to be able to present such an excellent likeness of Mr. Pitzer, as adorns a preceding page, and we feel sure that it will be viewed with interest.

GEORGE BOOK, a farmer of Mahoning township, Lawrence Co., Pa., who is held in high esteem wherever he is known, and who is a fair example of the kind of men who have built up this part of the Keystone State, was brought into this world Jan. 1, 1829. He was born on the farm now known as the Ripple Place, and was a son of Jacob and Martha (McComb) Book, and a grandson of Michael and Elizabeth (Stillwagon) Book.

The grandfather came from Washington Co., Pa., into North Beaver township, this county, and was one of the very first of that hardy band of settlers who cast their lot in the new country. He took up 400 acres of land, sallied into the timber with ready axe, and soon a log-cabin marked the home acre. Year succeeding year marked an increase in the acreage cleared and put under cultivation, so that when he completed his life's span, he died possessed of a fine property, the reward of a life of toil and hardship. Michael Book died at the age of seventy-two, and his good wife, who had accompanied him through trials and tribulations to prosperity, attained the age of sixty-four. Seven children were reared by this worthy couple to noble manhood and womanhood; they were: Peggy, Eliza, John, Sally, Mary, Susie, and Jacob. Both Michael Book and his wife were devout Christian people, and were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Jacob Book, the father of the subject of this article, was born on the paternal farm. He early learned the arts of the woodsman and the pioneer, becoming when still a youth his father's right hand helper. He inherited 209 acres of the home place, and built a log-cabin on the site of the residence of Alva Book. He at one time and another owned and cleared other tracts of land, but finally retired from active pursuits, residing until the close of his life at the age of seventy-six at Lowellville, Ohio. His wife, who had been a Miss Martha McComb, reached her sixty-sixth year, before she was called from this world to receive the rewards for a life well and nobly spent. Jacob Book's children were: George, the subject of this personal history;

Elizabeth, who became the wife of Mr. Steel; William, now deceased; Ferdinand, who now lives on a farm adjoining George Book's property; Agnes, who married Mr. Downey; and Sarah and Lydia, both of whom died in infancy.

George Book became the owner of ninety acres of the old farm. On this he built a small house, which in 1853 he enlarged to suit his increasing needs; the resulting structure was again remodeled in 1872 into his present commodious residence. The barns were rebuilt about 1861. As time went on, the subject of our article prospered, so that he was enabled to buy an eighty-acre farm from his brother, and also the sixty-acre Roberts farm. When the discovery was made that a part of Mr. Book's land was underlain by a fine bed of limestone of a quality much in demand for fluxing iron ore, Mr. Book leased certain sections to Grist & Graham, quarymen. These gentlemen connected the quarries with the main line of railroad by a spur track, and are now doing a very successful business, a considerable profit coming to our subject. Mr. Book has set out a great many fruit trees, and is the proud owner of some fine bearing orchards on his estate. He has brought the land into a high state of cultivation, and through good and careful management has prospered greatly. In addition to the place described above, he has a fine stock and grain farm on the Youngstown road, to which he devotes a large amount of time and attention.

Mr. Book was married to Miss Susan Book, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Armitage) Book, and a very distant relative. The Jacob Book, here referred to, though having the same name as the father of our subject, was born in

Washington Co., Pa., in 1797, and was a son of John Book, who was born in Philadelphia, but early settled in Washington Co., Pa. In 1804, he came to Lawrence Co., and settled on a farm, now called the Cunningham Place, and here he lived until his death at the age of eighty. His wife died at the age of eighty-four. Their children were: Jacob, John, Isaac, Annie, Peggie, Susan, Nancy, and George, deceased. Jacob Book inherited a portion of his father's estate, amounting to thirty-nine acres, and increased it, as the years went by, by subsequent additions until he was the owner of 180 acres. In 1838, he built a frame house, and opened a country store. He also purchased the necessary apparatus, and distilled a very good article of whisky, which he sold in Cleveland for 15 cents per gallon; this was about the only method available to the early grain-raisers for turning their surplus wheat, corn and rye into ready cash. Jacob Book died in 1874 at a good old age, and his wife, who was born in 1803, survived him three years. The children that blessed their union were: John C.; Abram; Susan, the wife of our subject; Isaac; Mary; Wilder; Jehiel; Lyman B.; and Betsey.

Three children were born to our subject and his wife, who were as follows: Wilder McComb, who married Ora Martin, and now superintends his father's farms; Dala, now deceased, who was the wife of L. Roher; and Ora, the wife of Charles Wright.

George Book has always been a man of sound judgment and good understanding, and has exerted a marked influence in his section. He has become a prosperous citizen as a natural result of his thrift and industry. Along social and

political lines he is very energetic, and is a man whose ideas and opinions are sought for as having real weight. He was originally a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party, he cast his vote and influence with the supporters of Abraham Lincoln. On religious subjects, Mr. Book has always been liberal and broad-minded. He is now filling out his allotted time in the way a man of his abilities and characteristics should.

DAN NYE, a respected citizen of Wayne township, and a resident of Hazel Dell, where he is engaged in general teaming, was born near the bank of Conoquenessing Creek, where the "Circle" of Ellwood City is located now. In his early manhood he felled trees in the virgin forest, where now the well-populated city stands. His parents were Thomas and Pernina (Pettit) Nye, and his grandparents were Andrew Rose and Rachel (McDonald) Nye, who came to this section of the State from Philadelphia, and settled for some time at Peter's Creek, but afterwards removed to Lawrence County, where they received a patent for four hundred acres of new land. They built thereon a log-house in 1793, near the site of the Presbyterian Church, and lived many years to prosper and to delight in their splendid family of children. Andrew Nye was born Jan. 6, 1750, and died March 1, 1821, and his wife entered this life Nov. 10, 1760, and departed it Dec. 16, 1847. Their children were: Richard, born Nov. 1, 1776; Eleanor, Dec. 25, 1777; Catherine, March 5, 1780; Nancy, Nov. 9, 1781; John, Oct. 2, 1783; Michael, Oct. 2, 1785;

Hannah, July 21, 1787; Jordan M., March 10, 1789; Mary, Feb. 12, 1791; Margaret, July 13, 1792; Susan, Feb. 27, 1795; Andrew R., Dec. 22, 1797; Dan, March 19, 1800; and Thomas, Aug. 30, 1802.

Thomas Nye, the youngest of a family of fourteen, farmed with his father, and labored at agricultural pursuits all his life. On April 10, 1828, Mr. Nye was united in the bonds of matrimony with Pernina Pettit, who was born Nov. 15, 1804. The Nyes lived in the true pioneer days, when there was plenty of game for the snaring of it, and settlers' cabins were few and far between. They worked hard at clearing the land, and succeeded in wresting sustenance and a comfortable livelihood from the soil. Their children were: Dan, our subject, born Feb. 10, 1829; Alvah and Avery, twins, Jan. 25, 1830; Aaron, Jan. 26, 1835. Mrs. Nye laid down her duties and closed her eyes on life on July 10, 1836. After the lapse of several years, Mr. Nye contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Mrs. Eliza McElwain, whose maiden name was Miller. By this union five more children were added to the family: Jordan M., born Nov. 7, 1847; Pernina, Nov. 27, 1849; Hannah, Nov. 23, 1852; Nancy, Aug. 11, 1854; and Celia, Aug. 16, 1857. Mr. Nye held various minor offices at the hands of his townspeople. He owned 130 acres of land, but little dreamed that his meadows should one day furnish building sites for many happy and comfortable homes. The grandfather, Andrew, lived in a log-house where the residence of brick and frame now stands, and there were only two families in the vicinity for miles and miles, and these were the Renyons and Hazens. Mrs. Nye was often left in the log-

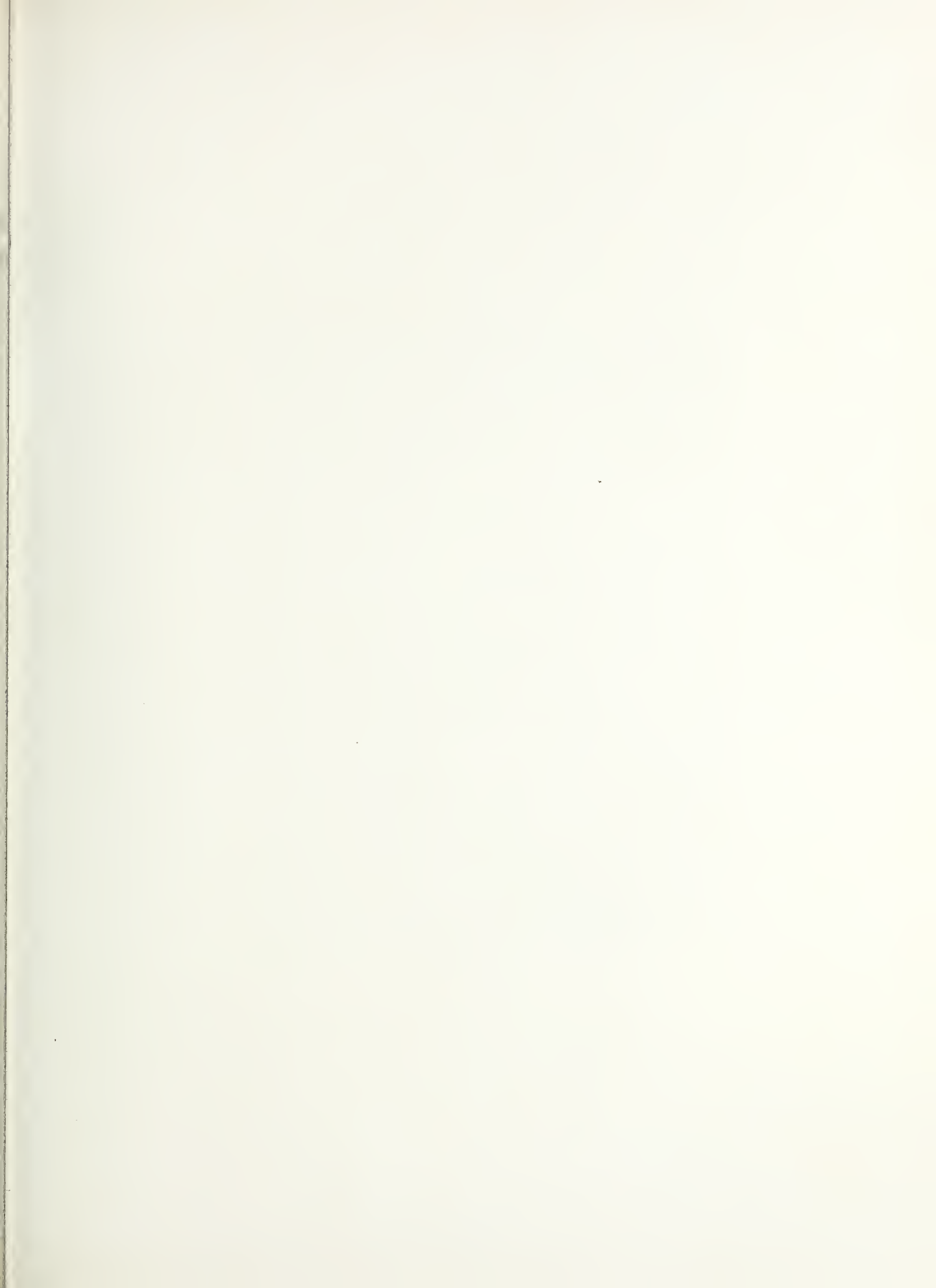
house with the children when her husband was at work, and she would be often forced to fire a rifle from the door and to resort to other similar expedients to frighten the wolves, and keep them from molesting the place.

Dan Nye, our subject, helped his father clear the farm, and worked on the paternal estate until his marriage, Sept. 3, 1850, to Mrs. Mary Ann Gow, widow of John Gow, who was born March 15, 1817, and died at thirty-eight years of age, leaving to the care of his relict two children—Isabel and John A., both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Nye was born April 2, 1826, and was a daughter of George and Jane (Steen) Owrey, both of whom were natives of Crawford County, Pa. George Owrey was a blacksmith, and his last work was done in New Castle, this county. Of the immediate family of Dan Nye, Thomas, born Feb. 7, 1852, and Pernina, both died in infancy. George A., born March 5, 1853, is a stone-cutter of Hazel Dell; he married Rebeca Duncan, and they have four children: Dan, Mary E., Charles, and Grace. Nathaniel P., born Dec. 6, 1854, is an engineer at Ludlow, Ky.; his wife was Maria Fowler. Margaret J., born Feb. 17, 1857, wedded Madison Maine of Leetonia, Ohio, and has a son, Martin. Alvah L., born March 4, 1859, is a stone-cutter of Ellwood City; he took for his wife Florence Marshall, and their children are Nellie and John. James M., born July 21, 1861, is a stone-cutter of North Sewickley; he married Martha Smiley, and the children in their household are Margaret, Ann, and Martin, having lost two sons, James and William. Dan, Jr., born May 1, 1864, died Sept. 12 in the same year. Thomas, born May 18, 1866, is also a stone-cutter of Ell-

wood City; he joined his fortunes with those of Carrie Garwick, and they have four children—Freddie, Mary, Betsey, and Florence.

Mr. Nye had the homestead and a goodly portion of the paternal estate, where he lived and carried on general farming and teaming until 1890, when he disposed of the farm to the projectors of Ellwood City, and since 1892 has resided at Hazel Dell, where he has been engaged in teaming. Alvah Nye, a brother of the subject of this article, has always resided with Mr. Nye, and he it was who constructed the house they occupy in 1892. In their religious preferences the Nyes are Baptists. The family is noted for its longevity and fine constitutions. Mr. and Mrs. Nye are very good company, merry and fond of jokes, and very entertaining conversationalists. They have a wide acquaintance through the county, and in fact no family is more generally known than theirs. Mr. Nye is a member of the Ellwood Lodge, I. O. O. F., where he is esteemed an influential and worthy brother.

DR. WALTER E. MILLER is a leading physician of the city of New Castle, where he has been very successfully engaged in the duties that pertain to his profession since 1894, in which year he received his diploma as an M. D. from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College of Pittsburg, Pa. His boyhood days were spent in New Castle, attending school and leading the usual life of a young lad full of youthful spirit. Before attending the Medical College in 1891, where he obtained his professional knowledge,





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he was enrolled for one year as a student in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa. Having acquired a liking for the medical profession in his younger days and having directed his studies in that direction, it seemed the natural thing to our subject's friends that he should have fully decided upon a physician's career and perfected himself toward that end, and that his skill and learning should be so widely recognized as of the best.

Dr. Miller was born in the city of his present residence, and is a son of Joseph and Caroline (Long) Miller. Joseph Miller was born in New Brighton, and when a young man engaged in boating with his father, but later learned the glass-maker's trade, and has followed that pursuit ever since, his connection with that industry spanning a period of over thirty years. Technically and in a factory-sense he is a flatterer; the intense heat from the molten glass prevents the glass-worker from laboring in the summer, and so our subject's father works in the winter, when the temperature is more agreeable. During the summer months, Mr. Miller acts as superintendent of the Rock Point Picnic Grounds, which are located about thirteen miles from New Castle; the ground is owned by the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. Mr. Miller is a Democrat. He married Caroline Long, a daughter of John Long, a native of Lawrence Co., Pa., and five children were born to them, namely: Walter E., our subject; Addie, deceased; Ella M.; Bessie C.; and Alfred I., deceased. They are members of the Disciples Church. Mrs. Miller died in 1891, aged forty-six years.

In the month of June, Dr. Miller was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Pearl A. Phil-

lip, daughter of J. T. Phillip of New Castle; our subject was called upon to mourn the death of his beautiful young wife but a few short months later, the date of her decease being Dec. 15, 1896. It was a severe blow to her husband and to her many devoted friends, who were never tired of praising her charming traits of character. Dr. Miller is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Association.

WINFIELD S. TURNER, postmaster at Hazel Dell, Wayne township, and also the proprietor of the largest general store in the township, located at the above village, was born in Monongahela Co., W. Va., April 5, 1852. His parentage is traced back through Olridge and Sarah Turner to Olridge and Olive Turner. The grandfather, Olridge, Sr., was a native of England and a tiller of the soil, whose first home in the United States was in Preston County, West Virginia, where Olridge, Jr., was born. The boy Olridge learned the wagon-maker's trade, and followed that until his death, which occurred in 1853, when our subject was but a year old. This sad fatality, caused by a fall from a bridge, left six children to the mother's care; they were named—George W., James N., William R., Winfield S., Martha W., and Cora, all of whom are living. Mrs. Turner's maiden name was Sarah Keifover; the burden of supporting and educating all of the children was so great that after several years of widowhood she married James Walford of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Winfield S. Turner followed agricultural pursuits for several years, and then, learning the carpenter's trade, settled in Mount Morris, Greene Co., Pa., where he employed himself in work associated with his trade until 1896, when he came to Hazel Dell, and bought from J. N. Marshall that gentleman's stock of general merchandise. In January, 1897, Mr. Turner bought a lot on Main Street, and erected thereon a fine building 36x40 feet, making a double store, with dwelling rooms in the upper story. In March he moved the stock into the new building, and now offers to the public as neat and attractive a display as can be found in Lawrence County. Mr. Turner's business has grown, and there is reason for it in the fact of his wide popularity, aside from the self-evident superiority of his stock, that includes dry goods, men's ready-made clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes, general notions and in addition a line of grain, hay and feed. In his community he is held in high esteem, notwithstanding his comparatively short residence, being affable and genial in his manner, attracting friends on all sides, and the natural result has been an unusually successful start in business.

Mr. Turner married Margaret McCausland, whose father was William McCausland of Allegheny Co., Pa., and the Turner household has had four children born into it; the record is as follows: Gertrude, deceased; Grace; Winfield S., Jr.; and Virginia. Mr. Turner is a Republican of the deepest true-blue dye, and his fidelity and business ability was suitably rewarded on Jan. 16, 1897, when he was appointed postmaster of Hazel Dell. There was merit to prompt such a recognition, and Mr. Turner is

a man who wins golden opinions of his companions and associates in business and in other walks of life. He is just in his prime, and has before him many years of usefulness to Lawrence County, and the grand old Keystone State. Ambition and self-confidence wins, where doubt halts, and Mr. Turner is one who will never disappoint the confident hopes of his friends, either in business, social or political life. Socially he is a member of I. O. O. F., Glen Park Lodge, No. 1016, of Ellwood City, Pa. In religious belief he and his wife are Methodists.

Mr. Turner has a clear title to a leading place among Lawrence County's merchants, and it is as a representative of commercial circles that we place his portrait on a preceding page.

JACOB S. ALLEN, a prominent farmer and dealer in lumber, residing in Chewton, Wayne township, was born in the above township July 1, 1847, and was a son of Davis and Mary (Van Emanen) Allen, grandson of Jacob and Eleanor (Munson) Allen, and great-grandson of George Allen. The last-named gentleman came from New Jersey to the Genesee Valley, New York State, and from there came to Chewton, where he took up a settler's claim, which property never passed out of the hands of the Allen family, and is now the estate which our subject occupies and farms. He was thrice married, to a Miss McCullon, Miss Newton, and a Miss Daldine. His first wife bore a son, Jacob, during the family's residence in New Jersey. This son grew up in the Genesee Valley, married his wife

there, and brought her with him to Chewton, settling where B. W. Cunningham lives. Jacob Allen later owned the James Guy place, and the first store ever opened in Chewton belonged to him. Mrs. Allen died in middle life, and Mr. Allen, the grandfather of our subject, reached the age of sixty-two before his demise in 1825. They left a family, consisting of George, John M., Joseph, Daniel, Susanna, Zabina M., Davis. There were others in the family, but they did not live to grow to maturity. Mr. Allen was in the War of 1812, and was present at the engagement with the British at Black Rock, which is now a part of the City of Buffalo, N. Y. He was a man of good character, strongly religious and possessed in short all the characteristics of an excellent law-abiding citizen. He was a Presbyterian, and was one of the founders of the Slippery Rock Church.

Davis Allen, father of the present scion of the Allen family, whose life-history we have undertaken to briefly outline, bought a farm at Chewton, where he entered upon a life of toil near to nature's heart, but was summoned to the better country while in his early manhood, leaving a wife and four small children to mourn his departure from their midst. Jacob S. was the eldest; Ann Eliza married William Kirkland of West Bridgewater, Pa.; Mary and David died in childhood. Mrs. Allen lives with her son, and has seen the passage of seventy-two years, fraught with mingled joy and sadness.

Very early in life, Jacob S. Allen became employed in the lumber business, and in 1873 bought fifty-three acres of the Egner farm, that he chose for a family residence, and set about improving and beautifying the place. For many

years he has been associated with William Kirkland, his brother-in-law, in the lumber business; their mode of procedure is to buy tracts of timber, cut down the trees that are suitable for good lumber, saw the lumber with portable mills, and place the finished product on the market. They have operated both in Lawrence and Beaver counties, and have always been attended with successful results. Mr. Allen married Mary Irwin, daughter of Nathan Irwin, and she had two daughters, Cora and Grace, and passed away at the age of twenty-nine. Edna Groover became the wife of our subject, and she left a son Howard, at her death when twenty-two years old. Mr. Allen a third time contracted a matrimonial alliance, the bride being Clara Beck, daughter of Christian Beck. Mr. Allen follows the bent of the family in religious views and is a Presbyterian, while in political affairs also he adheres to the faith of his fathers and is a strong Republican, decided in his opinions and courageous in the utterance of them.

WILLIAM S. BINNING, who resides with his brother George J., at No. 105 Elm Street, New Castle, was born in Allegheny City, Oct. 6, 1840. His mental training was obtained in the Third Ward school of the latter city, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age; he then accepted a clerkship in a hat store and later went into the grocery business. But machinery and the mechanical arts proved more attractive to him than a prospective business life, so he turned to the railroads to satisfy his

natural bent, and preferring the trade of a machinist, he secured a place in the railroad shops. In October, 1861, he went to Pittsburg, and became one of the most trusted employees of the government works at Fort Pitt, and had the honor of finishing the first twenty-inch gun ever turned out by the government under the direction of the superintendent. The second gun was turned out under the management of Mr. Binning, who had the entire responsibility for its successful completion. Prior to the turning of the guns, he also helped to make the huge machinery on which the guns were finished, and assisted in placing the guns in position. For three years, from 1877 to 1880, Mr. Binning was a member of the fire department of New Castle, and in May, 1880, departed for the West, finding work at his trade in the State of Colorado. During the fifteen years he lived in the Centennial State, he was foreman in the shops of the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. at Pueblo, Salida, Leadville, and Grand Junction, having entire charge of the shops at the latter place throughout the last seven years of his sojourn in the West. William S. Binning was married at Gunnison, Col., May 21, 1882, to Miss Catherine Lynch, a native of Brady's Bend, Pa., and to them were born three children: William S., Jr.; Bertha; and Joseph C., who is attending the schools of New Castle. William S. Binning is a member of Macy Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., of Grand Junction, Col.

James J. Binning, the father of William S., was born in Philadelphia, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade. He was a son of John and Jane (Hopkins) Binning, both of Philadelphia, and grandson of Jacob James Bin-

ning, a native of Scotland, who married a Miss Castile. Our subject's father, when a young man, came to Allegheny City, where for a time he followed his trade, and made buskins and slippers in a shoe factory; then for five years he was engaged in the grocery business. After leaving the grocery business, he entered upon a river life, and eventually became captain of craft plying on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, commanding at various times the *Julia Dean*, *Clara Fisher*, *Clara Dean*, *Clipper No. 2*, and others. During the summer season the run would be from Pittsburg to St. Louis, and through the winter, when ice obstructed the Ohio River, he would work down stream to New Orleans. In 1851, he discontinued river life, and in the following year became a conductor on the Ohio & Pennsylvania R. R.; but displaying marked and very exceptional ability in railroad affairs and exhibiting such a judgment as entitled him to more consideration, he was appointed general freight agent for the Fort Wayne & Indiana R. R., which position he acceptably filled for four years. In 1856, he was tendered a similar position with the Pennsylvania R. R. and its leased lines, and accepted, continuing in this service until his death, which took place in Allegheny City, April 8, 1860. He possessed a wide knowledge of human nature and business methods, and was prominent in public affairs, and with the exception of a term as notary public while living in Crestline, Ohio, he would never accept office, but was always a zealous supporter of his party's nominees. In the early months of 1860, before his serious illness, he was an earnest advocate of Stephen A. Douglas as a candidate for the Presidency, and had he lived,

he would have stumped the State for The Little Giant. He was experienced in making popular addresses, and was looked to by his party as one of its campaign speakers. Mr. Binning was in early life a member of the Baptist Church, but later united with the Methodists. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities. He married a Miss Ann Eliza Staunton, who was born in her parents' residence on Third Street, Pittsburg, in 1819, and died in New Castle, in November, 1895. Her parents were William and Mary (Evans) Staunton, who were natives of England. Mary Evans was a daughter of Thomas Evans, whose wife was a daughter of Capt. Thompson, an officer in the British Army, who was stationed in New York City at the time the mother of Mary was born. At the close of the war, she returned at the age of twelve with her parents to England, where she in after years married Thomas Evans, and with him came to America to build up a home. William Staunton was born in Chester, England, and came to America in 1818, having become disgusted with some of the English laws, that seemed to him to be unjust and oppressive. He landed at New York City, and went direct to Philadelphia, where he went into business as a broker with a Quaker gentleman, and when their business became somewhat extended, he came to Pittsburg to take charge of a branch office they established there. In 1838 or 1839 he came to what is now known as Union township, Lawrence County, purchased a farm, and made it his home the remainder of his days, passing away in the city of New Castle, at the age of seventy-two years. Of the five children born to James J. Binning, but two survive,

William S., the eldest, and George J., the third in order of birth. John, Charles H., and Edwin S. have departed this life.

George J. Binning was born in Allegheny City, Sept. 16, 1845. At the outbreak of the war he ran away to join the army, but being under the required age, he was dismissed at the solicitations of his friends. Securing a clerkship in a grocery store he remained in that capacity a short time, and then came to New Castle, and secured a place as feeder in the nail mill, and working himself up to a high position he remained in the employ of the same firm twenty-two years. In 1888, he became connected with the Natural Gas Co. in New Castle, and by earnest application rose from a common laborer in the ditches to be foreman of the works. The two brothers have a pleasant home at No. 105 Elm Street, where they live in concord, and extend the heartiest of welcomes to their numerous acquaintances, and warm friends.

WILLIAM B. RODENBAUGH, a leading contractor of New Castle, was born at Middle Lancaster, Butler Co., Pa., Sept. 22, 1863, and is a son of John and Christiana (Beighley) Rodenbaugh, and grandson of Jacob and Mary Magdalene (Brown) Rodenbaugh.

Jacob Rodenbaugh was born in Easton, Pa., and was a member of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family. He married his wife there, and with one child, Jesse, came to Butler County, which was considered then to be on the very edge of civilization, and settled at Old Har-

mony, Butler Co., where he bought a small place, a few acres of which he cleared and put into crops, and there reared his family, some of whom are living to-day on the old homestead. He was by trade a pump-maker, and made the "pen-stalks" for his pumps by boring out the core of a straight oaken log of the proper dimensions. Both of our subject's grandparents lived to be over eighty years old. Their children were: Jessie; Joseph; John; Abraham; William; Catherine; Polly; Susan; Rebecca; and Sarah. Of the above family, all were born in Butler County, except Jessie, who was born in Easton.

John Rodenbaugh learned the carpenter's trade, and quite early in life began figuring on building contracts, taking up his residence in 1871 in New Castle. In 1875, he built the Cement Works at Wampum, this county, and was millwright for the company until his death at the age of forty-four of cancer, July 8, 1877. The children born to him were: Charles M., who died at the age of four; Almeda; William B.; Ella; Minnie; Alvin J.; and Annie. His widow married James D. McKinley and moved to Venango County, where our subject was reared and educated.

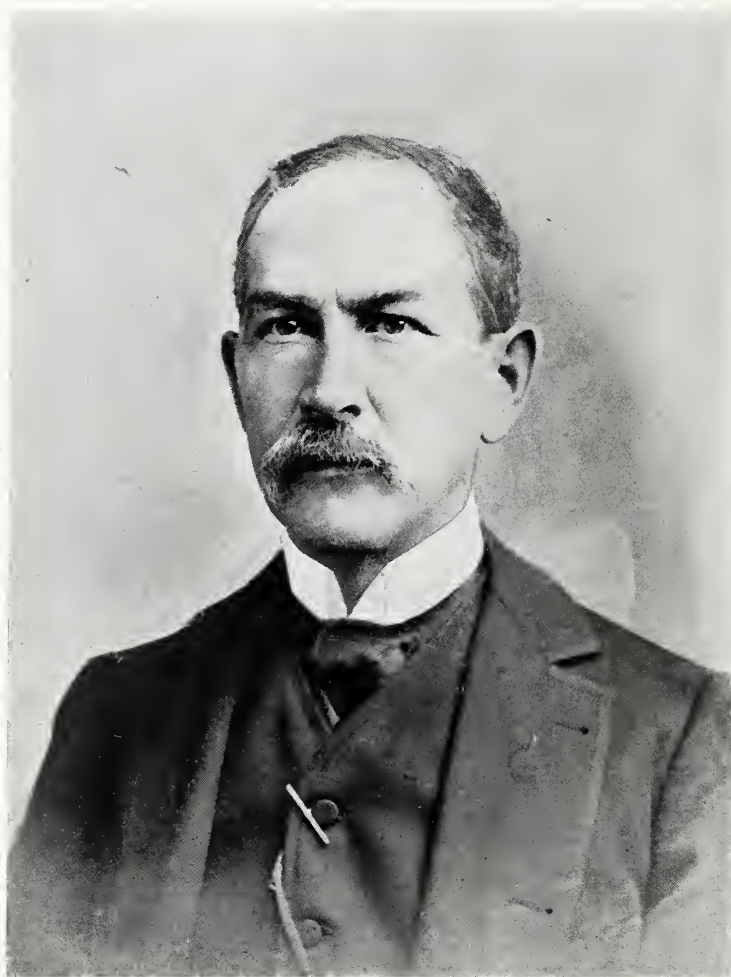
William B. learned the carpenter's trade, and labored at his craft in Pittsburg, Butler, and New Castle. In 1886, he came to New Castle, and as a contractor and as an architect built up a large and highly profitable business, establishing himself in the estimation of the people as a man of ability and fertile ideas. Finished products of his hands and brain may be seen on many of the principal streets of the city, and include, among a large number of beautiful homes, the handsome residences of R. P. Mar-

shall; Dr. McKee, Capt. Gilliland, J. G. McConahy, E. E. Seavy, B. A. Winternitz, and the Croton M. E. Church. Mr. Rodenbaugh has also built and sold a number of houses as a personal speculation.

Our subject married Miss Kittie B. Blaine, daughter of James A. Blaine of New Castle, and has been made the parent of three children: Beulah, born May 17, 1888; Rena, born July 8, 1890, died Dec. 28, 1890; and Elsie Dorothy, born July 19, 1895. Mr. Rodenbaugh is a strong adherent of Republican principles, but owing to the magnitude of his business, which demands his whole and undivided attention, he has never felt that he could conscientiously accept a nomination for office. He and his wife have many of the warmest of friends in the M. E. Church, of which they are leading members.

JOSEPH J. V. CAMPBELL, a retired contractor of New Castle, well known throughout Lawrence County, was born in Mahoning township, Feb. 1, 1837. He is a son of Alexander Campbell, grandson of Robert Campbell, and great-grandson of John Campbell.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and worked at the weaver's trade until he immigrated to America. After his marriage with Maria Stewart, also a native of Scotland, he came to this country, and settled on a farm, located near West Liberty, Pa., where he was engaged in agricultural labors the rest of his life, dying at the advanced age of ninety-six years. His wife lived to be seventy-two years old. Their children bore the following names:



PERRY MAITLAND.

John; Robert; Thomas; Henry; Alexander; Ruth; Margaret P. (Wigton); and William.

Alexander Campbell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was but a boy when his parents brought with him the rest of the family then born to this country. He followed the trade of a carpenter and millwright in connection with farming. The old homestead remained his home until 1834, when he sold it and moved to Parkstown, Pa., where he bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits for fifteen years; at length disposing of that property, he bought a grist and saw-mill at Covert Station and was identified with the milling business three years. He then moved to New Castle, where he lived two years, and from there went to Edenburg, Pa., where he died at the age of fifty-five. He married Cornelia Covert, daughter of Garrett Covert; she passed away aged sixty-seven years. Their children were: James; Garrett; Margaret (Fitch); Henry; Thomas; Orlando; McKee; and Joseph J. V. They were Methodists in their religious belief, and Mr. Campbell was a Whig. Joseph J. V. Campbell, after receiving but a limited school education, became an apprentice in New Castle to the carpenter's and wagon-maker's trade. He followed the carpenter's trade, and was located at a number of places, but finally settled in New Castle in 1881, and began to figure on contract work, and to undertake large jobs in the building line; he was thus engaged until 1895, when he turned over the business to his son, Louis L., and since then has been content to rest from his labors and to enjoy a peaceful, retired life.

In 1858, Mr. Campbell married Mary Morrow, daughter of Matthew and Sarah (Bullman)

Morrow. They have brought up five children, as follows: Willis L., a contractor; Thomas A., who married Elizabeth Mosher and has four children—George, Leonard, Elizabeth and Willis; Addison married Lovica Connors and has one child, Albert L.; Laura B. married Joseph Knoll; and Newton L., a painter by trade. Mr. Campbell's family favor the Baptist Church. He is a strong Republican, and active in his partisanship. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 406, Knights of Pythias.

PERRY MAITLAND, deceased, late an extensive real estate dealer and land-owner of the city of New Castle, was born in the town June 20, 1844, and was a son of William N. Maitland, who came from Chester Co., Pa., and settled two miles north of New Castle in this county on a tract of land, which he cleared and out of it made a fruitful farm of 150 acres. At first he lived in a log-house, and then built a frame dwelling, in which he resided until his death at the age of sixty-four. He married Camilla Pollock, a daughter of Dr. Pollock, who was one of the early physicians and surgeons of the county; Mrs. Maitland lived to be seventy-eight years old, before she was taken away to rejoin those gone before. Our subject's father was a man who always identified himself with progress; sound in his judgment and careful and shrewd in his investments, he rarely failed to reap handsome profits from his ventures, and thus accumulated a comfortable fortune quite early in life. After getting well started in life, he purchased

what is known now as the Maitland Square, offered for sale in 1845, for a yoke of oxen. Far-seeing as he was and despite his confidence in the future growth and wealth of New Castle, he little realized that the city should arrive at its present condition of prosperity, or that the Square should increase in value so many fold. The property then had on it a few small buildings, of which only one was framed; upon his taking possession of it he built a number of small houses, which he rented, and also erected a double store. He was unassuming and reserved in manner, and although well and favorably known, he never sought public notoriety. Five children, all living but one, were born to him, as follows: John R., who now resides on the old homestead; Irene, who makes her home in New Castle; Addie R., who married O. C. Carl of Pasadena, Cal.; William M. of Springfield, Missouri; and Perry, deceased, the subject of this personal history.

Our subject attended the public schools, and in early manhood began to clerk for W. R. Clendenin in the latter's dry goods store, and in a few years time he engaged in the grocery business, locating on the corner where the Citizens' Bank now stands. In 1874 he built the three-story block, which later on he sold to the Citizens' Bank. After conducting a store for some years, he moved the old store to Mill Street, and remodeled and enlarged the structure, making it bright and new throughout, and thereafter rented it for store purposes. For the past fourteen years he dealt in real estate, and was a very heavy taxpayer. In 1886, he built a fine residence at No. 161 North Jefferson Street, where he resided till his death, Aug. 6, 1897.

On the 23rd of May, 1871, Mr. Maitland married Miss Adda F. Farver, daughter of Joseph C. and Nancy (Carl) Farver, and granddaughter of Samuel Farver, who was a son of John Farver, who was a farmer of the State of Maryland. Samuel Farver came to this county about the beginning of this century in 1800 and settled in the wilderness, where he marked out his farm and built a log-cabin; the remainder of his days were spent in clearing the land, and being a millwright by trade in working in the Fisher Mill. The 500 acres were divided among his children after his decease, and our subject's wife and her sister own at the present time the old homestead, on which Mr. Farver in his later years built a frame house and barns. He married Rebecca Carl, a niece of Thomas Fisher, and she brought him a large tract of the Fisher farm. Samuel Farver served in the War of 1812 as a sharpshooter at Fort Erie. His death occurred in 1861, when aged seventy-seven years; his wife joined those gathered on the other shore at the age of eighty-five. Their children were: John; Thomas F.; Taylor; Joseph C.; William; and Mary. Joseph C. Farver was born in Shenango township, December 4, 1817, and all his life was engaged in farming and caring for his parents, and after their death inherited the farm of some 150 acres, on which he built an entirely new set of buildings. He easily ranked as one of the most enterprising and industrious men in the town, and was highly thought of by all who knew his good points. Seventy-one years measured the life allotted to him, his death taking place in 1889; his wife at the age of sixty-eight is still living; she was a daughter of Joshua Carl. To Joseph and Nancy

(Carl) Farver were born the following children: Samuel, who lived three years; Joshua, who died at the age of six months; Adda F, our subject's widow; and Margaret E., who with her mother looks after the Farver homestead. They are Methodists in their religious preferences.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Maitland was not blessed with children, but for a number of years Miss Myrtle Farver, daughter of Orrin Farver, lived with them, and was a great source of enjoyment, for they were very fond of young people and welcomed her friends with the greatest warmth and hospitality. Mr. Maitland was a Democrat. We have placed the portrait of the subject of this sketch on a preceding page in proximity to this, trusting that it will be of great service in perpetuating his good name and deeds, and in calling to mind in future years his many virtues of mind and heart.

JOSEPH H. BOYD of Princeton, Slippery Rock township, Lawrence Co., Pa., one of the most active and energetic men in Western Pennsylvania, is a good example of what constant effort, constantly directed, can in a short time accomplish. Some say that nowadays opportunities to get on in the world are not as frequent as they once were. Be that as it may, a young man who does not wait for opportunity to come his way but goes opportunity's way, as has the subject of this sketch, is bound to find results quite satisfactory to his taste.

Mr. Boyd was born in Slippery Rock township, Oct. 2, 1858. He was a son of Robert

Stewart and Catherine (Mershimer) Boyd; the latter was a native of Lawrence County, being born in Shenango township near the city of New Castle, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Stickel) Mershimer. Mrs. Mershimer first saw the light of day in Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was a daughter of Samuel Stickel, a noted gun-maker of the early days, and later in years a successful farmer. Adam Mershimer's birthplace was near Reading, Pa.; he was born in 1790, and died in 1865. He devoted his time principally to farming, although he also conducted a plow manufacturing business of no small dimensions. He served his country in a distinguished manner in the War of 1812. The father of Adam Mershimer, Sebastian, was born at sea, while his parents were on their way from Germany to find a home in America. He followed the trade of wagon-making, and served for seven years in the Revolution, in recognition of which services he was awarded a pension and a soldier's tract of land in the "donation" district. He died in 1845, at the age of eighty-nine. Robert Stewart Boyd, father of the subject of this briefly outlined history, came into the world June 9, 1833 on a farm in Slippery Rock township. He passed his boyhood as did the sons of that day, and eventually learned the carpenter's trade. For years he followed this vocation in Lawrence, Butler and Mercer Counties, and is at present an active tiller of the soil on a small farm in Slippery Rock township. The parents of Mr. Boyd, and paternal grandparents of our subject, were John and Dorcas (McWilliams) Boyd, the latter a daughter of Robert McWilliams, whose wife, a Miss Wilkes, came from Ireland. John Boyd was a son of Joseph

Boyd, who for many years was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and who died in New Castle at the age of eighty.

Joseph H. Boyd, our subject, lived until he was six years of age in his native township. His father then moved with the family into Butler County, where he remained until he was seventeen years of age. At that age our subject's school-days ended, and he began working in the oil regions and on a farm to support himself. At the age of twenty, the now young man came to Princeton, and commenced to learn his trade, that of blacksmithing in the shop of David Brackinger. Two years were sufficient for him to master the craft. He very soon bought the business of his master, and remained in the old shop some four or five years. Then as a result of his steady prosperity he built his present commodious quarters. At the beginning of his business life, Mr. Boyd was a manufacturer of buggies and wagons. His trade soon grew to be too brisk for him to supply the demand out of his own shop, so he forthwith put in a selected line of vehicles from other reliable makers. Farming implements were soon added along with other agricultural machinery. This business has grown into such proportions that now Mr. Boyd contemplates in the near future increasing his facilities, and adding a full stock of shelf and heavy hardware, together with the usual accessory lines.

Mr. Boyd was married Feb. 9, 1862, at Princeton, to Mary E. Sechler, a daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Houk) Sechler. From this union there has resulted seven children: Kittie; Mina and Nina, twins, the former now deceased; Willie (deceased); Loy; Gearth; and Joseph. Both

parents are active in social and church matters, being members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Boyd is an independent Democrat. He is very alert in fraternal matters, being a member of Scott Council, Royal Arcanum, No. 682; Round Head Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 577; and Princeton Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 402.

Mr. Boyd is in all affairs a man of broad ideas. It is in business relations, however, that he is at his best. He does not believe in waiting for trade to come to him, but he goes after business with a force and energy that gets it. As a salesman, he is second to very few, it being truthfully said that in his vehicle line he sells on an average one article for every day in the year. As a farrier and blacksmith he has a most enviable reputation far and wide. No one can strike the anvil a truer blow or place a shoe with greater nicety than he. Of late, when so many have complained of hard times, and were sitting around, Micawber-like, for something to turn up, Mr. Boyd has, with cheerful smile and kindly greeting for all, gone out after business. His surroundings show that he obtained what he went after too. Times are never dull with him, for he won't have it that way.

J. JOHNSTON FISHER, an enterprising young grocer of New Castle, Pa., was born in West New Castle, Pa., Oct. 10, 1871, and is a son of Lewis A. and Mellissa (Morrow) Fisher, both natives of Lawrence Co., Pa. He comes from a family that has been identified with the growth of Western Pennsylvania for a century and a half, and whose patriotism and loyalty to

the Government has never been questioned in the slightest particular.

Thomas Fisher, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a farmer and a tavern-keeper of Laurel Hill, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and in that early day occupied a very high place, indeed, in the estimation of the few settlers of that neighborhood. To him and his good wife were born two children: Thomas, the grandfather of J. Johnston, and Polly, who married Andrew Lewis of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and bore him five children, as follows: Thomas, Joseph, Ellen, Mary, and Elvira. They were Presbyterians in their religious belief, and in his politics Mr. Fisher was a Whig.

Thomas Fisher, Jr., only son of Thomas, was educated in the common schools of his native town, and after securing what schooling that he could, he clerked for a time in his father's inn. At that time the War of 1812 was being waged, and recruits were being called for, so young Fisher enlisted for the service, and under Capt. John Hill of Westmoreland County, went to Baltimore, Md., which was then the headquarters for the troops. From Baltimore the company was sent with many more to the front, the destination being Erie, Pa.; while en route, they camped on what is known as Grant's Hill, a short distance from Pittsburg, where they rested three days. At that time, neither in Pittsburg nor in Allegheny were there any railroads, public works, coal industries of any kind, nor were there any buildings of any size or significance in either city. The country was almost in its original state of nature, with the exception of where now and then the monotony of forest and open plain, mountain and valley was broken

by a little clearing, in the midst of which stood a log hut, where some pioneer settler had started in to clear and improve the land. Mr. Fisher remained in the service until the close of the war, and after the Act of 1876 was passed by Congress, the mother of our subject drew a pension for his services to the Government. After he returned from the camp and battle-field of war to assume a place among the peaceful citizens of the land, he purchased a six-horse team and freighted merchandise from Philadelphia to Pittsburg over the mountains; the latter place was still known by its old English name of Fort Pitt. Later on in company with several others he engaged in the manufacture of salt—the process was a simple one and much in use to-day, it was that of pumping the brine from a salt-well and evaporating the water till the dry salt had been obtained; the salt sold for \$1 a bushel and the business paid them handsome profits for three or four years. He then moved four miles to a point on the Monongahela River, where he engaged in mining coal, and remained there until the fall of 1836. He then moved to Hickory township, this county, and bought an unimproved tract of land in the wilderness and thereafter was engaged in clearing the land and tilling the soil. He was a very industrious man even when compared to those hardy pioneers who first opened up Western Pennsylvania, and was considered for very good reasons to be quite prosperous. He was born Nov. 10, 1791, and died Feb. 14, 1871, and was therefore in his eightieth year when he was taken to his home on high. In his political belief he was a staunch Republican, but was not a kind of man who aspired to office. He married Sarah

Johnston, a daughter of a prominent lawyer of Beaver Falls, Pa., and to them were born eight children, as follows: Thomas G., who married Mary Burns, and had five children—Burns, George, Willis, Amy, and Sarah; Caroline, deceased; Mary Ann married William Pattan, and they had two children—Thomas, and Sarah; McGiffin married Lily A. Lindsay, and they were given four children—Amelda J., Johnston L., Lillie J., and Sarah E.; Sarah married John Crowl, and their union resulted in four children—William, Alice, Nannie, and Mary; and Lewis A., the father of our subject. They favored the Presbyterian Church in religious matters of creed and faith. Our subject's grandmother died in 1892, aged ninety-two years.

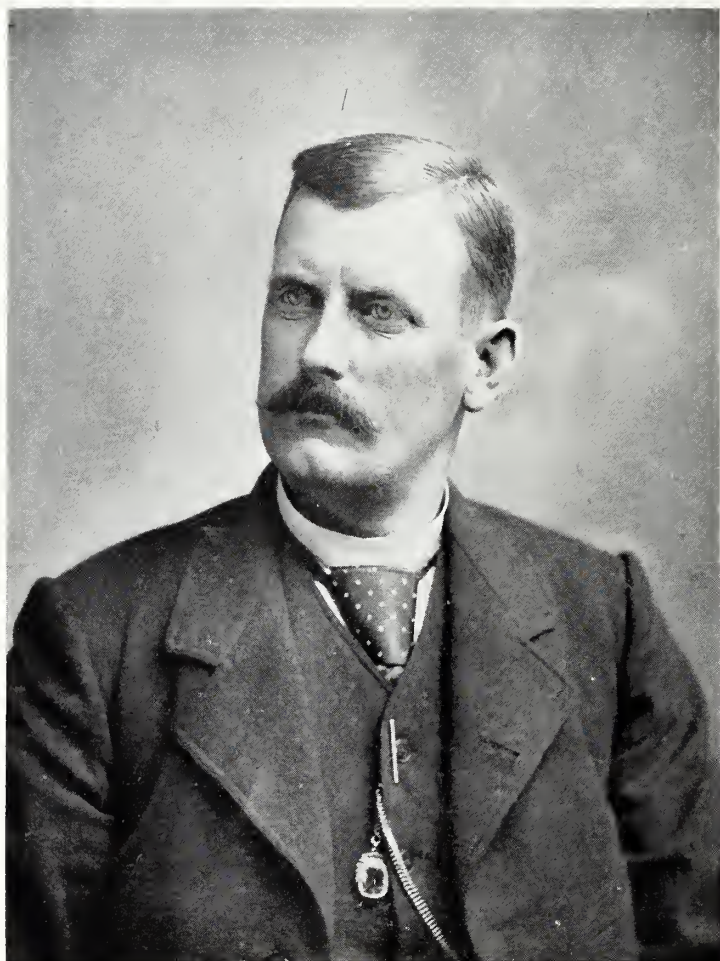
Lewis A. Fisher, upon reaching the years of young manhood, the Civil War then being in progress, enlisted in the United States service in the 100th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served about four years under the Stars and Stripes. When he returned from the army, he learned the carpenter's trade and worked sixteen years in the Crawford Planing Mill, and since leaving the Crawford Mill has been engaged very successfully in contracting. He married Mellissa Morrow, daughter of David Morrow, and she bore him four children who were named: J. Johnston; Leander C.; Kathryne K.; and Harry S. They are Methodists in their church preferences.

J. Johnston Fisher was educated in the public schools of New Castle, and for several years following the completion of his education he was employed as a clerk in various grocery stores of the city. On April 10, 1894, he purchased the stock of groceries and business of J. Will Mitchell which had been carried on at the stand

now occupied by Mr. Fisher. Our subject handles a choice line of staple and fancy groceries for family consumption and has established an enviable trade among the best families of the town, and extending all over the city. He is uniformly successful, and may be considered as one of New Castle's most enterprising young men. As the son of one who wore the blue, he is proud of his father's record, and takes much interest in the local Camp of the Sons of Veterans, of which he is a leading member. He is a Republican, politically, and a member and attendant of the M. E. Church.

ALEXANDER NEWELL, a respected agriculturist of New Castle, residing on his farm which is situated within the present city limits, was born in the city June 6, 1849, and is a son of Alexander Newell, and grandson of Archibald Newell, who was a native of County Down, Ireland, where he lived and reared his family of seven children, who were named as follows: Ellen (McKibben); Peggy (Gordon); Archibald, Jr.; William; Thomas; Alexander; and Mary, deceased.

Our subject's father came to this country at the age of seventeen years; he landed in Philadelphia, and from there went to Huntingdon, Pa., where he remained a few days. He then recrossed the seas to his own beloved isle, the home of many dear friends, and married Sarah McNealy, with whom he returned to Huntingdon, which continued to be his place of residence a number of years. He then moved to Mahon-



GEORGE H. McKINLEY.

ingtown, Lawrence County, and a few years later settled at New Castle, where he died in 1861, aged fifty-two years. While a resident of the borough of Mahoningtown, he was engaged in the mercantile business, and just previous to coming to New Castle he accepted the position of collector for the old canal, giving his business over to one of his brothers and moving to New Castle to assume the duties of his new position. He was appointed postmaster under Buchanan's administration, but was forced to resign from that office six months previous to the expiration of his term, because of poor health, and did not subsequently regain his health. His life companion survived him thirty years, dying in 1891, aged eighty years. In their religious sympathies and inclinations they favored the Presbyterian Church. Nine children as follows were born to them: Mary (Hill); George, deceased; Elizabeth (Frisby); Emma (Leslie); William; Susan; Alexander, our subject; James; and Jennie (Coffey).

Our subject was reared and educated in the city of New Castle; for a trade and an occupation he took up the trade of mill brick laying, and followed the same until 1892, supporting himself well, and managing to lay up each year a snug sum of money. In 1892, he bought a farm, which was at that time without the city limits, but is now located within, because of the city's extension; it furnishes beautiful building lots on Pittsburg Street, which his own residence faces, and those in search of a nice location for a home are attracted much by its many advantages.

Mr. Newell was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony in 1875 to Eliza Campbell, daughter

of Robert and Drusilla Campbell of Scott township, Lawrence County. Our subject's children are: Percy; Clarence; John; Frank; William; Sarah D.; and Robert A. Mr. Newell has always been a firm believer in the Jacksonian Democratic principles, and is found without fail in the councils of his party. The family as a whole favor the United Presbyterian Church, and may be found among its regular worshippers.

GEORGE H. McKINLEY, a veteran railroad conductor, now employed on a passenger run of the Pennsylvania line, was born in New Castle, Aug. 21, 1850. Dating from the time when he was ten years of age until he had attained his majority his life was cast among strangers, and whatever he has now has been acquired by his own unaided efforts and after much up-hill work. The first ten years of his life were spent in New Castle, and the succeeding decade in New Wilmington, and his education was obtained in the schools of these two places, his attendance at school extending till his eighteenth year, and being of a very desultory and much-interrupted character, for it was not always possible for him to attend school when other boys of his age did. He lost his mother at the age of five, and five years later his father broke up housekeeping, and from the age of ten years he has successfully battled with life's problems. He began railroad life on the lowest round, working on the section gang for the P. & F. W., but he was not fated to remain stationary in such a position, but soon rose to

a place on the work train, and from there was advanced to the position of brakeman on a freight, and in less than two years was placed in charge of a freight train as conductor, which position he filled some six years. It was during this period that a serious and almost fatal accident befell Mr. McKinley; he was thrown from the top of the train, and in falling his left arm was thrown under the wheels, which crushed the bones from the elbow to the shoulder; it was deemed so serious that the surgeons determined that amputation must be resorted to in order to save his life. But his endurance was wonderful, and by pure grit he pulled through without any such operation, and has so far recovered the use of his arm, that its mangled condition would never be remarked by one unacquainted with the accident. The succeeding seven years Mr. McKinley was conductor of a local mixed train, running from Youngstown, Ohio; in June, 1886, he was given a passenger run, and moved to Alliance, Ohio. In April, 1896, he returned to his birthplace, and now alternates with his brother Willis J. McKinley on two runs over the Pennsylvania R. R.

James McKinley, the grandfather of George H., married a Miss Steele, and they moved from the eastern part of the State to the western part at an early day; the entire family, consisting of some eight or ten, at that time took up residences in this part of the State and in Eastern Ohio, notably Stark County. Their son, Alexander, was born near Mt. Jackson, Pa., and married Elizabeth Morehead, who was born on the same farm where the birth of her children occurred, in what is now a part of the city of New Castle. Elizabeth Morehead was a daughter of James

Morehead. Alexander McKinley was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that trade in early life and in the later years of his life. During middle life he was employed in various capacities on the railroads. In 1886, he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered, and died at the residence of his son, Willis J., June 14, 1896, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a veteran of the late war, and served through a nine months term of enlistment. Of this first marriage, three children were born: George H.; Willis J., whose personal history appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; and Elizabeth. He married as his second wife, Elizabeth Houston, and this union resulted in three more children, namely: John C. of New Brighton, Pa.; Hugh of Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio; and Margaret, the wife of C. C. Kelso of Turtle Creek, Pa. He was married a third time but no children followed.

George H. McKinley entered into the married state Sept. 17, 1874, at Mt. Jackson, Pa., his nuptials at that date being consummated with Elizabeth Howard, a native of Old Enon, Pa., and a daughter of Edward L. and Sarah (Lane) Howard, the former a son of Prosper Howard, a native of England. Edward L. Howard is a veteran of the late war, having enlisted three times in the Union armies. At the first call for troops in 1861, he enlisted, and was discharged at the expiration of one year's service because of illness contracted in the army. On his recovery he re-enlisted under the nine months call, and again in 1864 became a volunteer soldier, serving till the close of the war. It was during this last service that he received a severe wound in the head at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain,

on June 6, 1864, from the effects of which he is still a sufferer. To him and his wife were given six children, as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. McKinley; William, deceased; Ella, deceased; Alosia (Stoner), who lives in Butler County; Harry, a resident of Mahoningtown, this county; and Robert of Lowellsville, Ohio. The home of Mr. McKinley has been blessed with the birth of one daughter, Sadie May, who was married Dec. 23, 1895, to Howard Taylor, a minister of the M. E. Church, now a student of the Massachusetts Theological Seminary of Boston, from which point he fills the pulpits of churches in the surrounding towns, while pursuing his studies for higher proficiency in his chosen calling. Our subject and his wife are members of the First M. E. Church of New Castle on Jefferson Street. In politics, Mr. McKinley is an old-line Democrat, and cannot countenance with his support the alliance of Jeffersonian principles with visionary populistic doctrines. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, Division No. 177, of Alliance, Ohio. He has built for his home a commodious residence at 353 West Washington Street, where he has surrounded himself with all the comforts and luxuries of an ideal American home. His genial, sunny nature, like a magnetic lodestone has attracted to him a wide circle of friends, much after his own nature, and the person who enjoys their hospitality and cheer will ever remember it as one of the delightful moments of their life. His friends will view with interest his portrait, which appears on a page in proximity to this. A man of his standing in the community and in railroad circles is entitled to the utmost consideration and respect.

WILLIAM HENRY WEINSCHENK, a prosperous market-gardener, residing in Shengango township about three miles south of New Castle, was born in Taylor township, May 28, 1866, and is a son of George G. and Margaret (Mack) Weinschenk, being the oldest of the following family of children—Annie M., who married Charles F. Alborn, the miller at Big Run Mill, Alice, Margaret, deceased, and William Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Our subject's father was born April 10, 1835, his birth-place being in Geradstetten, Wurtemberg, Germany; he was a son of John G. and Katherine (Retter) Weinschenk. He commenced making his own way at the age of fifteen years, and when twenty-two years of age, having thoroughly mastered the art of gardening and floriculture, he came to America as a field of greater promise and possibilities. He began his ocean voyage in May, 1857, and thirty-five days elapsed from the time he left the port of Havre, before he was again on terra firma at New York City. He arrived in the city of New Castle June 22, 1857, having come on immediately from New York, and at once secured employment at gardening for Mr. Butz at Croton, which gentleman was then the leading gardener of New Castle; he was in his employ for two years, and then worked for a period in the service of Mr. Peebles. Five or six years were spent in the South in and about the city of Louisville, Ky., having charge of private gardens of the rich planters; the war left the country so impoverished, that Mr. Weinschenk found little demand for his work, so he returned to the vicinity of New Castle, worked for Mr. Butz for nearly a year, and then purchased a tract of land in Tay-

lor township, where he engaged in gardening about eight years, and then disposing of his property there bought his present farm in 1873, taking possession the following year. The home garden comprises twenty-four acres of land in the highest state of cultivation, with half an acre under glass, and this tract of land is utilized to the utmost in raising and bringing to perfection splendid crops of fruits and vegetables. He is also the owner of various other tracts of land in different parts of the county.

Our subject was nine years of age when his parents moved from Taylor township to Shenango township, and the latter township has continued to be his home since. He attended the district schools and the public schools of New Castle until he was sixteen years old, and supplemented this preliminary education with a course at Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, Pa., graduating from that institution March 7, 1884. Until March, 1894, Mr. Weinschenk was a member of his father's household, and assistant to his father in the latter's gardening operations; in this way he secured a splendid training in gardening, and in 1894 was in complete trim to engage in work for himself. He accordingly rented a ninety-acre tract of his father a few miles south of the homestead, and subsequently purchased sixty acres of the tract, still renting the remaining thirty acres. On this farm in 1896 he built one of the most elegant and complete country residences in Shenango township, or, in fact, in the county; it is of modern architecture and an adaptation of the old colonial style, which has proved itself to be one of the best for country houses; the structure is erected on a commanding site, and makes

an imposing picture of country comfort as viewed from the highway, and this idea of comfort is the more pronounced the more one sees of the interior, with its many provisions for convenience, and well-adapted furnishings. Mr. Weinschenk has his land in a high state of cultivation and the whole is an ideal garden spot; he finds a ready home-market for his fruits and vegetables in New Castle, and the neighboring boroughs. He is entitled to rank among the first gardeners of the county from his experience and training, and by reason of his success in obtaining uniformly good results.

Mr. Weinschenk was married March 22, 1894, in Shenango township to Lavina Reed, daughter of John C. and Phoebe Ann (Iddings) Reed, and sister of William E. and Luther M. Reed, neighbors of our subject. They have been blessed by the birth of one child, Marguerite, born Nov. 16, 1895. Phoebe Ann Iddings was a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hoopes) Iddings, and granddaughter on her mother's side of Ezra Hoopes of Chester Co., Pa. John C. Reed, an account of whose life may be found in this work included in that of his sons, was a son of William Reed, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1803, a son of John and Margaret (Lutton) Reed, the latter a daughter of Ralph Lutton. John Reed was born in Ireland, and settled in 1806 in Ohio, and then came to Lawrence County; his father, Michael Reed, lived and died in Ireland; they followed the trade of weavers in the Old Country. William Reed, the father of John C., married Anna Canon, who was born in Mahoningtown, Feb. 10, 1805, and is now residing at the advanced age of ninety-two years with her granddaughter in New Cas-

tle; her mind is very clear and memory good for one of her years, and her bodily strength is reasonably good. She is a daughter of James and Betsy (Hendrickson) Canon, the latter a daughter of Dr. Cornelius Hendrickson, the first physician to settle in the boundary of the county; he attained the extreme age of ninety-six years, and when within one year of his decease rode six miles on horseback to set a broken limb. James Canon was a son of James Canon of Shirlensburg, Pa. More of this interesting family is recorded elsewhere in this work. Mr. Weinschenk and his wife are members of the Savannah M. E. Church. Our subject early allied himself with the Democratic party, and follows its leadership in national, state and local politics. He is a member of New Castle Lodge, No. 404, Knights of Pythias. He is a valued member of society, and occupies a position high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens as an honorable, industrious and enterprising young man, who is bound to succeed in his work.

Henry, and Elizabeth. These, the only members of the family who grew up, became valuable members of society, and by their native German thrift all provided well for their children and for their own old age.

Charles Streib was born in the German home in Baden, in October, 1848, and was six years of age when the family came to America. He learned the butcher's trade and worked at it for a short time. He later clerked in New Castle, and then went into the manufacture of soap with John Treser under the firm name of Treser & Streib; in later years he conducted the Adam Treser farm, and died with consumption April 6, 1887. He married Lovina Treser, daughter of Adam Treser, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this book. Five children survived him, as follows: William H., Albert A., Charles, Frank, and Earl.

Our subject, after finishing a good, practical education in New Castle's excellent High School, entered the wholesale store of J. A. Allen as a clerk, and secured a useful knowledge of business methods, that have enabled him to make his present venture in the bottling business so successful. So it was with considerable experience and a fair amount of capital that he went into partnership with Daniel Clark, under the firm name of Clark & Streib, and established the New Castle Carbonated Bottling Works; our subject's brother, Alberst A., soon succeeded Mr. Clark in the firm, and the ever-growing business has since been conducted by the firm of Streib Brothers. They have built up a remarkably nice trade in New Castle and in the surrounding towns, and are located at No. 302 Grant Avenue, where they run two

WILLIAM H. STREIB, senior member of the enterprising firm of Streib Brothers of the New Castle Carbonated Bottling Works, was born in the above town, and is the eldest son of Charles and Lovinia (Treser) Streib, and grandson of Gasper and Susan Streib, who were born in Baden, Germany. Our subject's grandfather emigrated to New York City, and worked at his trade of a baker until his death. A large family survived him, composed of the following members: Theobold, Charles, Julius, William,

wagons for the delivery of their goods during the busy summer season. Since coming before the notice of the people of Lawrence County, he has proved himself to be a most enterprising and energetic business man, and worthy of the highest appreciation and confidence, because of his many sterling qualities. He resides with his mother at No. 302 Grant Avenue.

WILLIAM S. PATTISON, one of the leading and most progressive citizens of Union township, and a carpenter who is much in demand throughout the surrounding country, was born in a house which was situated within a few rods of his present elegant residence, Dec. 10, 1834. He is a son of David and Jane (Stewart) Pattison.

David Pattison was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and there learned the trade of a cotton-spinner. While still a resident of bonny Scotland he became engaged to be married to Jane Stewart, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, but with a wise determination to be sure of the future, he immigrated to America to provide a home for his intended wife. He bought fifty acres of land, which was then new and uncultivated, and located where his son, William S., now resides; he was much taken with the country and pleased with the prospect of a successful career which seemed to stretch out before him, and went to work with a will to clear the land for the intended crops and to erect a log-cabin for temporary shelter till his own resources and the accommodations of the new country war-

ranted him in building a more pretentious structure. All the arrangements completed, it only needed the arrival of his future bride to complete his home, and crown him with happiness; she came when he announced that all was in readiness for her reception, and they were married and settled down to become industrious citizens of their adopted country. He finished clearing the land and worked some in building the canal. Later in life, when New Castle began to grow, he engaged in gardening, and followed it the greater part of his after life. He and his wife won the highest esteem of the citizens of the township, for they were exemplars of the best type of Scotch honesty and Scotch ruggedness of character. He lived to be eighty-four years old, and his wife attained the age of eighty-six years. Their children were: David C.; Mary, who married Robert Boggs; William S., the subject of this biography; Jeanette, who married Smith Fulkerson; Robert D., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Alexander S.; and two, who died in infancy.

William S. was reared and educated in Union township, and at the age of twenty-one learned the carpenter's trade. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. A, 55th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and after serving three months as corporal re-enlisted in the spring of 1864 in the 5th Pa. Art., and served then until the close of the war. On his return home, he resumed his carpenter work, and has followed contracting and building some thirty years. In 1870 he built on three acres of the old homestead a house, which is the best house, inside and out, on the Youngstown road, or, for that matter in the township; it stands as a monument of his successful life, and of the excellent



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work that he has done in all parts of Union township and beyond its borders.

His first wife, who was a Miss Margaret Stevens, died in 1892, aged fifty-eight years, leaving two children—David Clarkson, a carpenter of New Castle, who married Maggie Winters; and James R. A., a conductor on the street railway. He was a second time joined in the bonds of matrimony to Mary Hawkins, daughter of Martin L. Hawkins, and this union resulted in the birth of twin boys: Ralph A. Stewart, and Russell J. Hancock, both of whom are exactly like in features and in build. Mr. Pattison is a Republican in politics, the principles of which party he earnestly advocates and supports. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and active and liberal in its support. He is a member of the G. A. R.

GEORGE B. NYE, postmaster of Ellwood City, was one of that city's earliest business men, and up to 1894, when he was appointed to his present federal position, he conducted a prosperous men's furnishing store. He was born in Wayne township, Lawrence Co., Pa., July 1, 1863, and was a son of Nahaniel Nye.

After Mr. Nye had attended the district school, and obtained a fair degree of education, at the age of sixteen, he entered the sandstone quarry, and worked for three years. Then he was employed as a fireman on the P. & W. R. R., and later held a similar position on the P. C. & S. T. R. R. In 1884, he began his business career by purchasing a store in Hazel Dell, and applying himself to the buying and selling of

merchandise. He succeeded his grandfather, John H. Marshall, and at the end of four years transferred his interest to J. M. Marshall of Portersville, Pa. The next venture was a men's furnishing establishment in Ellwood City, and the building which he bought for his place of business was the block on the corner of Eighth Street and Lawrence Avenue, two stories high, 20x90 feet, built in 1890 by James Smiley. From 1891 to 1894 he carried on business on an ever-enlarging scale, and met with very satisfying results. His sterling character and eminent business qualifications led to his appointment as postmaster in 1893; in order that he might be entirely free to attend to his duties, Mr. Nye sold out his stock of goods, and established the postoffice in the same block, using the Eighth Street entrance. That Mr. Nye merited the appointment and confidence of the patrons of the office goes without saying, for he has a well-established reputation as a shrewd man of affairs, upright in his dealings. During his residence in Ellwood City, he has been justice of the peace for a year, and has also officiated as a member of the school board. In Hazel Dell he still has extensive interests, principally of a real nature in land and houses.

Mrs. George B. Nye was Ella J. Smiley before her marriage, and she was a daughter of William Smiley, a prominent agriculturist of Wayne township, Lawrence County. Mr. and Mrs. Nye are Presbyterians in religious belief, and are to be found among the liberal supporters of the church of that denomination in Ellwood City. They have three beautiful children: Bill, born Dec. 28, 1892; Myrtle, March 28, 1894; and George, July 31, 1896. Ellwood's

popular postmaster is a member of but one secret organization, that being the I. O. O. F., Alma Lodge, No. 1016. He is a man of decided views, but temperate and gentlemanly in the expression of them. He is not obtrusive in his opinions, while at the same time he holds to them conscientiously, and casts the weight of his influence toward whatever he believes to be for the good of his community and county. He is intensely interested in local matters pertaining to Ellwood City's welfare, and is creditably filling his position as a good citizen of the community.

As a representative and prominent citizen of Ellwood City, in whose behalf his energies have been directed from its first inception, the publishers of this volume take pleasure in adding his portrait to our gallery of leading men of the county.

PHILLIP A. YOUNG. Of the excellent citizens of Lawrence County who have known no other occupation than that of farming during their lives, and who have had far more than ordinary success in the prosecution of that vocation, Mr. Phillip A. Young certainly deserves more than passing mention. He has a fine and productive farm in Little Beaver township, two miles from Enon Valley, where he carries on general agricultural pursuits. He was born Oct. 19, 1849, in a log-cabin on the home place, near the site of his commodious brick residence. He was one of thirteen children born to Miller and Ann (Taylor) Young.

Our subject's father was born in Little Beaver township, and lived there all his life, engaged in farming, and in raising and shipping stock to Eastern markets. He was a member of the Disciples Church, and politically was a Republican, serving as school director and supervisor. He died at the age of fifty-four. Our subject's grandfather was William Young, who was born in Hunterdon Co., N. J., and moved to New Galilee, Beaver County, about 1800, and later bought 225 acres in Little Beaver township, Lawrence County, on which some of his descendants still live. In politics, he was a Whig, and in religious matters a Covenanter.

Phillip A. Young's mother, whose maiden name was Ann Taylor, was a daughter of William and Ann (Wilson) Taylor, and her home was one mile northwest of Enon Valley. Her father was a wearer of the shamrock, and fled from Ireland at the close of the Rebellion of 1798.

Our subject has spent all of his days on the farm that has been so long in the possession of the family. He attended district school until he was eighteen, and then with his father carried on the farm until the death of the latter, when Phillip A. succeeded to the estate. He owns 135 acres of valuable upland fields, very fertile, and under thorough cultivation. Mr. Young does not pin his faith to any one branch of farming, although he was formerly especially interested in sheep-raising. Everything about his place seems to indicate not only that the proprietor has a complete knowledge of his vocation, but that he has put that knowledge to practical use.

On May 27, 1875, Mr. Young took unto himself a wife in the person of Mary Helen

Williams, daughter of Lynch and Martha (Charles) Williams. Mr. Williams was born in the village of Ricksham, England, near the border of Wales, Feb. 11, 1820; his father was a native of Wales. Lynch was a brick-mason and emigrated in 1833, following farming as an occupation after his settlement in America. He was a member of the Established Church of England, when still a resident of the mother country, but after he came here he became a Presbyterian. He died Nov. 16, 1888. His parents were Bethuel and Elizabeth (Mansell) Williams, natives of Wales and England, respectively, and members of the Presbyterian Church. Bethuel Williams settled first near Beaver Falls, and from there removed to Little Beaver Valley. His wife, Elizabeth, lived to be eighty-three years old.

Mrs. Phillip A. Young's mother, Martha (Charles) Williams, was born in County Kildare, near Castle Carbrey, in Ireland, and she was a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Wiley) Charles, both of whom were born in County Meath, Ireland. Ellen (Wiley) Charles was a daughter of William Wiley, who married a Miss Lewis. Samuel Charles was a shoemaker by trade. The wife of our subject was one of eight children born to her parents.

Phillip A. Young is a firm believer in education as an equipment for life's duties, and he has taken great pains to have his children attend good schools. The eldest son, Cassius M., died in infancy. Clyde E. is attending college at Ada, Ohio, where he is fitting himself for a career in the legal profession; when he was a student at Slippery Rock College he taught school in Little Beaver township. Bessie M. graduated from

the district schools at the age of fifteen, and is now attending the high school, and Ethel, the youngest of the family, is attending the district school now. The entire family are members of the Disciples Church of Enon Valley. In political circles, Mr. Young is known as a strong Republican; he served one term as supervisor in his township. He also performed highly creditable work as collector, finishing out his brother's term, and when he turned the books over to his successor, they showed the smallest amount still uncollected that there had been since the township was organized. Mr. Young is a thorough man of business, having a clear comprehension of how accounts should balance. He is known as a successful farmer, a kind neighbor, and a good citizen.

ROBERT F. WILSON, residing on Railroad Street, Mahoningtown, is an engineer on the P. & W. R. R., a position he has occupied since Aug. 15, 1891. He was born in Petersburg, Ohio, May 15, 1867, and is a son of Craig B. and Elizabeth (Pontius) Wilson. Craig Wilson was born in Beaver Co., Pa., in the fall of 1819, and is now residing on his farm near Petersburg, Ohio; he was a son of John and Nancy (Hemphill) Wilson. His wife, who was born in Petersburg, Ohio, was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Pontius, the former a native of Erie, Pa., who died at the age of seventy-six.

Of ten children in the parental family, Robert F. is the seventh in seniority; he remained at home until he was twenty years of age, attending the schools of Petersburg till he was eigh-

teen. The first work in which he was engaged for himself was on the public lands between Youngstown and Sheffield, where he worked two years. In January, 1888, he began railroad-ing, in the employ of the P. & W. R. R. as brakeman for one year, then as fireman for two years, and on Aug. 15, 1891, was given charge of an engine with a run between New Castle Junction, Akron, Ohio, and Allegheny City, Pa. From his first connection with the railroad he has won and retained the confidence and esteem of his employers by his faithful discharge of the duties incumbent upon him, and by efficient, intelligent service, that has left no room for complaint.

He was married in Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1891, to Mary McWilliams, who was born in Mt. Jackson, this county, a daughter of Thomas P. and Melissa (Jones) McWilliams. Thomas P. McWilliams, who was a son of James and Ann (McCloskey) McWilliams, was a prominent blacksmith of Mahoningtown. This union of our subject and wife has been blessed with two children: Helen and Fred. He and his amiable and excellent wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wilson is a member of Starlight Lodge, No. 224, Knights of Pythias of Petersburg, Ohio; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 411, of Painesville, Ohio; and Excelsior Lodge, No. 121, Protected Home Circle, of Mahoningtown. Our subject has made his home in Mahoningtown since his promotion to the post of engineer, and although necessarily absent much of the time on his runs, he is claimed as a citizen of the community, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances.

WARREN R. CLIFTON, chemist for the Shenango Valley Steel Co., was born in New Castle, Jan. 22, 1868, and is a son of Warren Clifton and grandson of Joseph H. Clifton. Our subject's grandfather was born in Boston, where he was reared and educated, and where he lived until after his marriage, working in the woolen mills. When he came to New Castle, he built a mill, and engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods; after several years he sold his milling property, and moved the machinery to Weston, West Virginia, where he again bought land and water-power, and erected a mill, and once more engaged in the same business, following it the remainder of his life. He also devoted no small attention to sheep-raising. He died at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Hannah Brown of Boston, lived to be seventy-four years old. They reared seven children in order and name as follows: Joseph; Warren; Frank; Richard; Ella; Ann (Barrett); and Abbie (Hershman).

Warren Clifton, father of Warren R., was born in Boston, Mass., but his boyhood days were spent in New Castle. He married, soon after becoming of age, Susanna Cartright, daughter of Lemuel Cartright of Edenburg, Pa. He followed the same business as his father, and was associated with him until the time of his death. In 1876, he moved to Pittsburg, where he lived a few years, and then went to New Castle, which he made his home for two years. He then returned to Pittsburg, where he lives now at the age of fifty-three years. His wife was taken to the home prepared on high when forty-eight years of age. He is a natural mechanic, and since his sojourn in Pittsburg has been engaged in that branch of industry. There were born to him the

following children: Katie (Browning); Warren R.; Minnie (Connolly); and Floyd I.

Warren R. Clifton was educated in the Pittsburgh grammar and high schools, and studied chemistry at a select school for chemists in Pittsburgh. After finishing the preparation for his profession, and having acquired skill and address at it, he engaged as chemist, in 1886, with the Isabella Furnace Co. of Sharpsburg, Pa., with whom he spent one year. From 1887 till 1890, he was with the Oliver Iron & Steel Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., and since then has been in the employ of the Shenango Valley Steel Co. of New Castle.

Our subject sought and won the hand of Ellen M. Walter, daughter of John W. Walter, in marriage, and they have one child, Josephine H. In his political affiliations, he is known as an ardent Republican. Socially he is a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.

JOHN WALLACE is a substantial farmer of Little Beaver township, and lives near Enon Valley in that township. His birth occurred Jan. 26, 1821, near the village of Darlington, Beaver Co., Pa. He was reared in his native township, and attended the district schools until he was a young man of twenty years. In March, 1845, when he was twenty-four, John Wallace and Margaret McClusky were bound by the mutual vows and obligations of matrimony, and began housekeeping on a farm of thirty acres. Not long after he sold the farm, but the sale fell through because of the failure of the intending buyer to turn over the necessary

funds; at length, however, he disposed of the land satisfactorily, and lived as a tenant on rented farms until 1862, when he became the owner of his present home. Mrs. Wallace was a daughter of William and Ann (Wilson) McClusky, and she bore her husband five children: William, who was a loyal soldier in the Civil War, and married Eliza McKean and has three children; David C., who died in babyhood; Harriet J., deceased, who married William J. Young; Lucinda A., who accepted Robert Young of Beaver County, and became his wife—they have seven children; and Mary A., deceased. Mr. Wallace belongs to the United Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican politically, and has served as a school director in both Beaver and Lawrence Counties. Mr. Wallace contracted a second marriage in October, 1888, with Angeline Wilson, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Sprout) Wilson of New Castle. He is a practical, progressive farmer, making each part of the whole 125 acres yield some income. In addition to general farming, he has a dairy, which diverts no small portion of his time and attention. Mr. Wallace is a representative farmer of this county, and has won an enviable reputation for the thoroughness of his business methods, his uprightness in all his dealings with his fellow-men and for his unfailing kindness to all with whom he comes in contact. At a ripe old age he is enjoying the comforts of a beautiful home, which has been fairly won by his industry.

Our subject's father, David Wallace, was born in Ireland, and at the age of eight years accompanied the family, when they sought a new home in America. His father, Patrick Wallace, died in this country, aged fifty-three years, but David

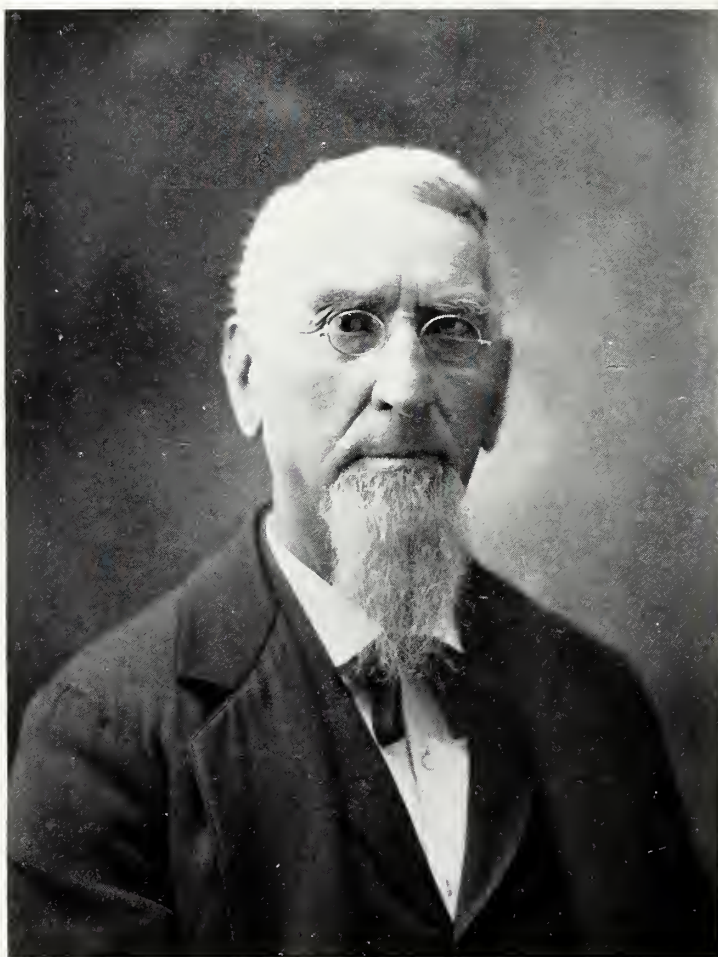
possessed wonderful vitality, and after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits answered the summons of death when eighty-four years of age. His wife, Jane Scott, was born in Northern Ireland, and when she was an infant of twelve months, her parents, John and Jane Scott, emigrated to America. They lived for a time at Baltimore, and then removed to Chippewa township, Beaver Co., Pa., where John Scott maintained his family by weaving. He was a member of the Covenanters' Church, as was our subject's father. He stood the flight of time remarkably well, being very strong and healthy up to a few months preceding his death at three score and ten.

WILDRESS A. KENNY, a substantial farmer and prominent citizen of Little Beaver township, resides on his farm about two miles from Enon Valley, on which farm he was born Jan. 8, 1853. Mrs. Kenny holds title to this same piece of land, the deed being made in 1799, when John Beer, maternal great-grandfather of the present owner, cleared the fields and reclaimed them from their natural state of rugged timber growth. Mr. Beer was in truth a pioneer, for he was the first white man to pass the winter in Lawrence County. He came with two companions, and they felled the trees, put up log-cabins, and began to render the land capable of sustaining civilized man. The two other men made their way back to their home in Westmoreland County in the fall, but Mr. Beer remained with grit and determination in the new

country and stayed in his cabin until spring, when he went back to bring his family. His wife was a Miss Hunter. He lived on the farm until his death at seventy-five years of age. His son, David, lived on the homestead and married Mary Fisher, who came from Westmoreland County at an early day; their daughter, Margaret Beer, was born on a neighboring farm, where she grew up and married Irwin Kenny, becoming the mother of the present Mr. Kenny.

Irwin Kenny, father of Wildress A., began life near Calcutta, Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1819, and his career came to a close in 1881. He mastered the carpenter's trade, but did not follow that trade to amount to much, for he always lived on a farm. He was a son of David and Esther (Hunter) Kenny, the father having served as a privateer in the Revolutionary War. Irwin's grandfather, James, came from Lancaster County, Pa., where the great-grandfather, John Kenny, settled late in life after his emigration from Ireland; John's father was a participant in the Battle of the Boyne, ranking as an officer in the army. Irwin and Margaret (Beer) Kenny were the parents of nine children, as follows: Robert, who was born in Allegheny City; a girl, who died unnamed; David, who died in infancy; Wildress A.; Thomas; Mary; Samuel; Maggie; and Nellie.

Our subject was brought up on the farm that was his birth-place, attending school until he was seventeen years old, and engaging in farm work. When his duties in agricultural lines are not pressing, he works at the carpenter's trade, which he learned from his father, and in winter he has been occasionally employed in the coal mines. His mother was a devout member of the



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Presbyterian Church, and was personally interested in the building of the church structure of that denomination, that was the oldest in the community or township. Mr. Kenny is thoroughly imbued with the principles of the Democratic faith, and he has served as school director. He has worked and labored to keep the homestead which has belonged to his family for almost a century intact, and he may well be proud of his farm and his history.

ADAM TRESER, a retired brewer and a prominent and wealthy citizen of New Castle, Pa., whose portrait appears on an opposite page, was born in Germany, Dec. 21, 1819, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Horn) Treser, both natives of the Fatherland. Our subject's father was engaged in farming and inn-keeping all his life, carrying on both pursuits at the same time. His native thrift and sound judgment, which the citizens of New Castle have seen exemplified in his son Adam, raised him to an eminent place among his townsmen. He married Elizabeth Horn, and to them were born seven children as follows: Magdalena; Catherine; Michael; Elizabeth; John; Adam; and Lizzie. They were Lutherans in their religious belief.

Our subject acquired his education in the schools of Germany, and having proved himself an apt scholar and of a studious bent of mind, he was selected by those who had charge of the educational interests of the town to officiate as pedagogue, and accordingly filled the position

of school-teacher for several terms. He then turned his attention to the butcher's trade, the details of which he mastered, and in which he was engaged until his emigration to the United States in 1840. Upon coming to this country he settled in Pittsburg, Pa., where he followed nearly the same general line of business for twelve years more. In 1852, he moved to New Castle, Pa., where he continued in the butcher's business until 1865, when he, in company with Jacob Siegle, under the style of Treser & Siegle, commenced to operate a brewery, and did a very successful business, which proved very remunerative to our subject and his partner. In 1877, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Treser carried on the brewing business until 1890, when he retired from active participation in the affairs of the business world. His views on questions of political moment are those advocated by the Republican party; he is everywhere respected as a man of sterling good qualities, and of unimpeachable integrity; he served several years as a city councilman to the entire satisfaction of his constituents and of the city at large.

On March 2, 1843, our subject linked his life and fortunes with those of Catherine Kocher, daughter of Frederick Kocher of Pittsburg, Pa., in the holy bonds of matrimony. Seven children has blessed this union, as follows: Magdalena, deceased; Elizabeth and John, twins, the former of whom is deceased; William, deceased; Lavinia; Emma; and Catharine. John married Martha Morris of New Castle, and has the following children: Stanley, Norman, Flora, Elizabeth, and Albert. Lavinia married Charles Strieb (now deceased) of New Castle, and she

became the mother of five children: William, Albert, Charlie, Frank, and Earl. Emma married Rev. John Miller of Beaver Falls, Pa., and the sole issue of the marriage was one child, Paul L., who was left an orphan by the death of his mother a few days after his birth. Paul L. Miller has lived with his grandparents ever since he was eleven days old, and has now attained an age of thirteen years, extremely bright for his years; he attends the public schools of New Castle, and is the pride of his grandparents. Katharine, the youngest child of our subject, lives at home with her parents. On March 2, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Treser celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Their friends came from different cities to remember them on the joyous occasion; many beautiful presents were bestowed. The family attend the Lutheran Church of New Castle, and are accounted among its warmest friends and supporters.

JOHN RILEY, a retired and highly respected citizen of New Castle, was born in Lancastershire, Eng., April 1, 1827, and was a son of John Riley, Sr., who was born in the same place, and was engaged throughout the active period of his life as a coal-miner. He was the father of twelve children, of whom the following grew to maturity: Elizabeth, the widow of the late Andrew Whittaker of New Castle; John; Joseph; Violet; Samuel; and Rosa. After his son John, the subject of this sketch, was well established in business he sent for his father and mother, and they accordingly came to New Castle, and lived

with our subject until they died, the father being sixty-five years of age at death, and the mother seventy-seven years old. Our subject's mother's maiden name was Mary Newton, and she was born in Olden, Lancastershire, Eng.

Our subject worked in the coal mines in his Old World home until 1849, when he came to America, and settled in New Castle, Pa., where he worked in the "People's Mines," then for George Crawford about fifteen years, when he with others began operating a mine in Athens, Ohio; but this not proving a success he returned to New Castle and a year later he bought a saw-mill, which he ran about one year, then, in company with his brother, he sank a shaft and mined there three years, when they sold to Rhodes & Patterson, and Mr. Riley remained with the firm till Mr. Rhodes died, and the mine being run by trustees, Mr. Riley still engaged with them as boss. He then bought the lease and worked the mine five years when he sold to his brother and went as boss for the Pennsylvania Company. He then bought the George Crawford farm of 146 acres, which had formerly been leased to a company for mining coal, and had a shaft already sunk, and a railroad built.

In 1886, he retired from active work, and moved to the city of New Castle, and bought the Falls property of five acres on Highland Avenue; very soon after taking possession of the property, he built an addition to the old house, graded and laid out West Park Avenue, and sold a large number of building lots; in doing this work, he had to cut down a high knoll, and fill in the rough surface and bring everything to grade, and make many other valuable and important improvements, and the property thus

laid out and improved will in a very few years be built up with beautiful homes. He has also built two fine houses, one on the corner of Park Avenue and Highland Street, in which he lives. Besides the improvements he has been engaged in to further the progress and growth of New Castle, he has also loaned money and dealt very much in real estate.

In 1859, he married Mrs. Ann Jackson, widow of Joseph Jackson, who was born in County of Durham, England, and came to Lowville, Ohio, in 1854, where he at first labored as an iron ore worker. He died at the age of twenty-four years of typhoid fever. Our subject's wife was born in County Durham, England, and was a daughter of Henry Burton, who settled in Lowville, Ohio, and died in 1859, aged fifty years of heart trouble. His wife passed away to the land of rest at the age of seventy-five. Mr. and Mrs. Riley have never been blessed with children, but nearly always their home has been brightened by the presence of some of their nieces or nephews. In their religious views, they are Methodist Episcopalians, of which church our subject's wife is a devout and faithful member.

JOHN H. WILKIN, a representative and prominent citizen of Harlansburg, Scott township, who is engaged in carrying on a very successful general store in the above village, was born in Scott township, April 10, 1861. He is a son of William B. and Fannie (McCutchin) Wilkin and grandson of John Wilkin.

John Wilkin was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, in Chester County, and was a millwright

by trade. About 1810 he removed to the western part of the State to New Castle, where he built what was long known as the "old forge"; he was a very good mechanic and found plenty of work in his line in the new country, for the settlers for many miles around would come to him when they wished a good job done. In 1817 he moved to Harlansburg, where he occupied a position of prominence and influence as one of the pioneer settlers of that place. He was, like most of the men of the early times, a hard worker, and being saving in his habits and economical in his tastes, he was able to lay by a comfortable competence, which he invested in landed property. The last years of his life were spent in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his early toil, and being accorded that respect and affection which is always the due of every man who has fulfilled all the obligations of a good citizen. He was a staunch Republican, but never held any public office. His religious affiliations led him to unite with the Presbyterian Church. He married Sarah Elder, a native of Bradford Co., Pa., and to them were born four children, as follows: William B., Nancy, Elizabeth, and Sarah.

William B. Wilkin received a common school education in Harlansburg, and served an apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed until late in life in his native town. When well advanced in years, he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and carried on a general trade in the place where his son, John H., now carries on the business. He, like the father, was considered a very prosperous man for his time and surroundings, and as an honest man and good citizen occupied a place in the front rank

of his townsmen, and was an important factor in the building up of the prosperity of his township and county. He was a Republican of firm convictions and held a number of the township offices. He married a daughter of Henry McCutchin of Scott township, and to them were given three children—Frances, Nannie A., and John H., our subject. They were members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's father departed this life in 1891, when aged seventy-one years, after many years of separation from his dear companion in early life, who had preceded him in 1864 to that far land from which no traveler ever returns.

Our subject, after completing his education in the common schools of Harlansburg, engaged in the mercantile business with his father, and was associated with the latter until his death, when John H. took charge of the business, and for the past six years has ably conducted it alone. Success has come to him, and he is ever engaged in enlarging and bettering his stock, which is to-day worthy of the best general store in the county. He is a Republican, and has considerable influence and a good standing among his fellow-townsmen; he has been rewarded for his active interest in behalf of Scott township by being given several of the important township offices.

In 1878, he was joined in wedlock with Tillie Dunbart of Harmony, Pa., and by this union became the father of four children—William B., Francis H., Mabel E., and John E. Mrs. Wilkin died in 1893, and our subject in 1895 united himself with Lillie McKee of New Castle, Pa. The family worship at the Baptist Church. Socially, Mr. Wilkin is a member of the Foresters of America.

THOMAS MARTIN resides in Plain Grove township, Lawrence Co., Pa., on a farm which he purchased many years ago. He has his life through followed the vocation of cultivating the soil, and has attained by means of thrifty ways and correct manners of life a prominence and standing which places him easily in the front rank of Lawrence County's prosperous and solid men. Mr. Martin was born in Washington township, this county, Feb. 19, 1832. He attended school and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty. Upon his marriage at the age of twenty-three Mr. Martin received from his father a 100-acre plot of land in Washington township, which he held for several years, ultimately selling it and buying a farm of 190 acres in extent in Plain Grove township. This is the property on which he now resides. It is located in an especially desirable position, and has been developed to the highest point attainable by modern methods. A large and very well-ventilated barn belongs to the estate, and a comfortable and commodious farm-house serves as our subject's residence. The orchards, grain fields, and meadow land will compare very favorably with the best in Lawrence County, a section of the State which is noted for its fine farms.

Mr. Martin is a son of William Martin, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1796. He had learned the carpenter's trade while still a lad, but when he came to this side of the stormy Atlantic when yet a young man he began farming. He worked for three years in Chester Co., Pa., and then in 1817 returned to Ireland, was married, and returned to the States with his wife. The lady, whom he married, was Agnes Martin, born Martin, in County Armagh,

May 4, 1793. The young couple settled to encounter the stern duties of life in Washington County; they lived three years in Washington borough, and then moved into Lawrence County, locating in Washington township. They both reached a good old age, Mr. Martin departing this life Dec. 12, 1870, at the age of seventy-four, and his wife March 5, 1874, aged eighty-one years. During life they were very active members of the Seceder denomination, and were otherwise well known in the social and religious life of the township. As a citizen, Mr. Martin was no less energetic than as a farmer. He was a strong Democrat, wielding much influence in local circles, and served his fellow-citizens in several public capacities, among them being that of constable. He was an upright man, a good farmer, and a worthy citizen. Through hard labor, directed by a good head, he prospered exceedingly and died esteemed by all who knew him.

Thomas Martin, the subject of this history, on June 10, 1853, wedded his first wife, Maria Jordan, whose parents were Michael and Rebecca (Ramsey) Jordan, members of a very prominent and representative Washington township family. To this union three children were born, two of whom survive. They are Agnes Rebecca and Margaret Elvira. Elizabeth Ann was the name of the daughter that died. Agnes Rebecca became the wife of Renwick Nelson, who is the proprietor of a large furniture store in Mercer, Pa. Nine children came to them, of whom the following seven are now alive: Maria M.; Martha; James; Bessie J.; Thomas M.; Grace A.; and Elsie. Margaret Elvira is the wife of Dr. Alexander B. Hamilton of Laramie City, Wyo-

ming. Some time after the decease of his first wife, on Sept. 23, 1879, in Plain Grove township, Mr. Martin contracted a matrimonial alliance with Mrs. Martha McCune, the widow of James D. McCune. She was born in Plain Grove township and was a daughter of John and Margaret (Patterson) Offutt. Of this marriage one son was born, James David McCune.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were formerly members of the Presbyterian Church, and are very well known in all circles of social and religious life in the township. Mr. Martin's politics are of the Democratic school. In that party his advice and counsel have much weight and influence. Besides his farming interests, he is a member of the firm of Offutt, White & Co., leading undertakers of New Castle, and has a number of other business affairs that take up fully his extra time.

DAVID ELLIOTT DOUGLAS, an esteemed resident of Mahoning township, who for many years past has occupied a prominent position among the well-to-do tillers of the soil of Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in Franklin township, Allegheny Co., Pa., on the 21st day of October, 1848. He is a son of John and Eliza (Wilkins) Douglas, and a grandson of William and Martha (Crawford) Douglas.

The grandparents of the subject of our history were both born in Scotland. Not many years after their union, they immigrated to America, where the thrifty habits of their native land, which they possessed in abundance, stood them in good stead. They reached the age of seventy-

five and ninety-five years respectively, and founded a family that has ever since wielded much influence in this part of the State.

John Douglas, the father of David E. Douglas, was a man of learning and of indomitable will. He was born in Allegheny County, in 1822, and died at New Castle, Lawrence County, Aug. 14, 1889. Being naturally of a studious bent, his parents humored him with superior educational advantages, so that when it became time for him to go to work to support himself, he took naturally to school-teaching. Instructing the youth in those days was not the plain sailing that it is now. It was quite the proper thing for a school-room full of children to be as unruly as an equal number of colts, and the teacher who aimed to instruct usually had a goodly amount of "breaking in" to do before he could commence on the three "R's." Mr. Douglas proved to be very proficient in both departments of the educational system of that day. Such a reputation did he acquire for good government as well as good teaching, that he was often sought after to subdue and instruct some school which had run away with some less efficient master. No school, no matter how turbulent and unruly it had been, ever tried more than once to get the better of Mr. Douglas. He came into Lawrence County in 1870, and at times followed the carpenter's trade. He retired from active labors some time before his death, which occurred Aug. 14, 1889. In politics, Mr. Douglas was a Republican of no uncertain or wavering type, while in religious matters he was a Presbyterian, as is also his entire family. Eliza (Wilkins) Douglas, the wife of John Douglas, was a native of Sewickley township, Allegheny

County, and was born in 1822, a daughter of David and Anna (Aikens) Wilkins, both Scotch people. There were eight children in the family of our subject's parents, as follows: an infant, who died young; David E., the subject of this biography; Mary E., the wife of John W. Brothers, an engineer on the Pennsylvania R. R.; John Harvey, who is employed by the P. & L. E. R. R.; James A., a conductor on the Ft. Wayne line; Martha; Joseph L., a brakeman on the Erie R. R.; and Effie.

David E. Douglas learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and followed it until 1877, the last five years of that period being spent in New Castle. In 1877, he abruptly took up farming, and has since continued in that line. In 1881, he purchased the A. Kelso farm in Mahoning township, and a little later on added to it a piece of land adjoining, making altogether a property of eighty-seven acres extent. In time he tore down the old buildings and built up new ones, so that now he has as fine and conveniently an arranged set of buildings as any farmer in Lawrence County. Orchards have been constantly set out and tended carefully, and improvements of all kinds have gone on no matter what the season was, until the estate has become the equal of any in this part of the Keystone State.

Mr. Douglas married, as his first wife, Eliza Patton, daughter of John Patton. She was born Oct. 24, 1845, and died March 5, 1890, leaving two children—Anna J., born Aug. 23, 1879, and Jesse E., born Oct. 14, 1883. A few years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Douglas contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Mary J. Matthews, who was a daughter of John Patton,



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and a sister of his first wife. Mr. Douglas in politics is an active and sturdy Republican; he has always been a prime mover in the affairs of the party, and on several occasions has been elected by his fellow-citizens to responsible offices. He was retained for three consecutive years in the position of township supervisor, and performed the duties of that office faithfully and well, with a due regard to the rights and wishes of the taxpayers. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, among the adherents of which organization Mr. Douglas numbers many of his warmest friends.

ISRAEL N. GRIFFITH, yardmaster of the Pennsylvania Company at New Castle, and residing at No. 23 West North Street, was born near Centerville (now East Bethlehem) Washington Co., Pa., Jan. 31, 1844. He is a son of Joel and Eliza A. (Nixon) Griffith.

Our subject comes of the famous old Griffith family of the Monongahela Valley. This family was descended from one of three brothers, who came over to this country with William Penn in 1682, and settled in New Castle County, Delaware. William Griffith, the great-great-grandfather of Israel N., was a son of one of these hardy pioneers; in early life he took a journey up into York Co., Pa., in search of land, and after encountering the severest hardships, and enduring many privations, he selected the location for his future home. Returning to Delaware to secure horses, farming utensils, etc., he married a Puritan maiden named Esther Davis,

and made his home near Warrentown, in the famous valley of the Susquehanna. Jacob Griffith, son of William and Esther (Davis) Griffith, married Lydia Hussey, and their fourth born child, Israel, who saw the light of day in York Co., Pa., in 1784 became in course of time the grandfather of our subject. The family moved to the western part of Pennsylvania in 1791, settling in Washington County, where Joel Griffith, the father of Israel N. Griffith, was born Oct. 13, 1809.

Joel Griffith learned the carpenter's trade, and also followed the trade of a miller, his father having built a mill on Pike Run, a mile and a half from Centerville, a mill that is still standing and in operation. Joel Griffith's father, Israel Griffith, as noted before, was born in York County, Pa., in 1784, the 28th day of December; his life came to a close in 1864. The old house in Washington County, where he lived over a century ago, is still standing, and is the home of the widow of a grandson, Oliver R. Griffith. Joel Griffith died May 27, 1870. He married Eliza A. Nixon, who was of Irish descent, a native of Washington County, and a daughter of Adam and Nancy (Brinton) Nixon. Adam Nixon was a farmer by occupation, a Presbyterian in regard to his religious views, and a Whig partisan in politics; he was born April 5, 1789, and died October 19, 1842.

Of eight children born to his parents, Israel N. was the third in order of birth. He lived in his native county until reaching his majority, attending district school until he was seventeen, and, when not in school, working with his father in the mill from the time he was twelve years of

age until 1865. In April of that year, he enlisted in the Union Army, and served six months in the Shenandoah Valley and West Virginia, being stationed much of the time at a sort of headquarters at Winchester, where he had a great deal of hard riding. On his return from the army, he did not take up the milling business, but rather went into a machine shop, where he remained three years. He then became traveling salesman for an agricultural company, and was on the road one year, when the company failed. On Jan. 1, 1871, Mr. Griffith was appointed brakeman on a passenger run of the Ft. Wayne, Pittsburg & Crestline R. R., and "broke" on passenger and also freight trains until September, 1872, when he became conductor, serving in that capacity until 1881. In the spring of that year, he became yard-master for the Pennsylvania R. R. at New Castle.

Mr. Griffith was married July 14, 1870, at Alliance, Ohio, to Loretta E. Day, a native of Deerfield, Ohio, and a daughter of John M. and Sarah A. (Smith) Day. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife: Bessie L., the wife of Charles Pleas, foreman and manager for The Edwin Bell & Sons Co. of New Castle; Stella J.; and Paul E. Mrs. Griffith is a member of the Phesbyterian Church. Our subject is a stanch and unyielding Republican, and casts his vote uniformly with the caucus choice. He has taken Masonic Orders, holding memberships in the Blue Lodge, No. 491; Chapter No. 41; and the Council of Alliance, Ohio. Mr. Griffith's portrait we have presented in connection with these notes of his life on a preceding page.

WILLIAM CURRY. This respected resident of Perry township, Lawrence County, has an interesting life-history, replete with suggestions to the young man, who would rise above his fellows, and enjoy the comforts of an independent competency in his old age. Mr. Curry has the distinction of being both a railroad man, although now retired, and a landed proprietor. Beginning at the very bottom round with hardly a cent to his name, he has risen and made money, and saved it, at whatever employment he was engaged.

He is of pure Irish parentage and birth, as he was born in Ireland in 1832. Growing up as a lad he attended school, and worked for a farmer until 1848, when he left his native shores to seek his fortune in the Western Republic. Landing in Massachusetts, he remained in that State for a period, working for a dairy farmer and doing other kinds of labor for two years; then, seeing a chance to better his condition, he bought a team and began grading on the railroad, receiving \$2.50 per day wages. It was not so very long until another opportunity to rise presented itself, and Mr. Curry signed a contract to lay ninety-six miles of track on the railroad; finding this business profitable, he employed himself for three years in railroad contract work. Minnesota was the next objective point, and in that State, Mr. Curry took up sixty acres of land, built a substantial house thereon, and bought in addition two sections of improved land, adjoining his own. This property remained in his hands for one year, when he realized from it in hard cash, making the sum of \$1,000 by the transaction. He then returned to the East, and settled in Pittsburg, Pa., where he again entered

railroad work as a section foreman on the Pennsylvania Company's tracks, the position yielding the income of \$30 per month. By the time eighteen months had passed, Mr. Curry had outgrown his station, his merit was given due recognition, and he was promoted to be foreman of track-laying for the same company, and his services were then valued at \$75 per month. Having amassed wealth, whatever his occupation, Mr. Curry was able to acquire a choice strip of territory in Perry township, where he resides. With his customary executive ability, improvements have been made on the house, and gradually, for such things require time, the whole farm has assumed a prosperous air under his supervision, and reflects strongly the owner's habits of thrift and method.

Mrs. Curry is also of Irish parentage; she was Martha McKinney, her father's name being John. Of the eight children, born to our subject and his wife, three—Robert, David and Mary—are deceased. Those living are: John, who allied himself with Caroline Siegler and has a daughter, Bessie; William H., who wedded Lilly Hamilton, and is the father of one son, William; Rebecca, who became Mrs. William B. Smith, and bore her husband two children—William J. and Ruth; Anna, who married Charles Hamilton, and has a daughter, Mabel; and Harry, who resides at home with his parents, who are now getting well along in years. Mr Curry is a stanch Democrat, and the family attend the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Curry's father, W. C. Curry, was a native of Ireland, who earned his living by the sweat of his brow in tilling the soil; his death occurred at the age of sixty. He espoused Jane Doug-

lass, daughter of James Douglass, and their entire family of six children reached mature years. They were: David; John; Sarah; Elizabeth; Nancy; and the William whose personal history we have endeavored to outline.

Mr. Curry is a typical product of the circumstances that make it possible in the United States for the advancement of enlightened workmen, who will observe the cardinal principles of thrift, economy, and self-education. He has risen from being a day-laborer to a position of a man of independent wealth, and has been the architect of his fortune in the truest sense of the word. His wide knowledge of railroad affairs renders him an authority, and he can converse for hours in an instructive way on his favorite subject—the railroad.

REV. JOHN McCOMB will be remembered among the people of Lawrence Co., Pa., for many years to come as a man who in his clerical labors and in his work as a citizen was all that a man should be. He is now advanced to that stage in life's journey where he can look back over the many changing years and out of their teachings can well instruct the rising generation. Mr. McComb has ever been a many-sided man. He has had intimate knowledge of so varied human interests that he could never be narrow in his ideas on the great subjects of life. He is a native of the State founded by William Penn, being born in Mahoning township, June 15, 1814. He was a son of John and Sarah (Hanna) McComb. The father was a native of Washington County,

and was during his allotted time a worthy and thrifty farmer. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Mahoning township, Pa., but had formerly owned a fine tract of land near Parkstown. In his political views, he was originally a Democrat, but when the lines became closely drawn on the slavery question he cast in his lot with the then young Republican movement. John McComb, the father, was married to Sarah Hanna, whose parents were of Scotch nativity, she being born during their voyage to America. Mr. and Mrs. McComb were the parents of eleven children: George and Martha, twins; Samuel; Jane; Joseph; John; Sarah and Eleanor, twins; Andrew D.; Hugh D.; and one that died in infancy. The family were in religious belief Seceders, but later on became attendants of the U. P. Church.

Rev. John McComb, our subject, received the elements of his education in the common schools of Mahoning township. In those days the school-houses were log structures, into which the light of day was strained through windows of greased paper. Heated by means of immense stone fire-places, fitted with wooden chimneys, made tight with plastered clay, these old-fashioned temples of learning certainly filled their destiny, and turned out to the world men as well equipped, or better, for the struggle of life as do our modern palatial school edifices. Our subject took his high school course at an academy near Lowellville, Ohio. After its completion, he worked at farming for a while and then was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This was in 1847. In 1850 he joined the Erie M. E. Conference, and as a teacher and preacher of the precious truths of the Christian religion,

as they are interpreted by this denomination, he has spent all the years of his manhood. Mr. McComb bought the farm he now owns and occupies in 1883. Farming has with him been rather a diversion and a rest from the active work in the Master's service. His best strength has always been given to doing his part to make the world better. A passage, which shows the impelling force of his very nature is this: "Christ so loved me, that he gave his body in ransom for me."

Our subject united his life with that of Miss Sarah Wallace, Feb. 2, 1837. She was a daughter of Robert Wallace of Plain Grove township, and was born April 23, 1816. To them have been given nine children, all but two of whom are now alive. The record is as follows: Robert W.; William R.; Elizabeth J.; Sarah H.; Mary A.; Lydia A. and John W. They are located as follows: Robert W. at home; William R. married Clara A. Hoy, and became the father of four children: Frank, Jessie L., George W., and Mary; Elizabeth J. is the wife of Samuel Holliday, and is the mother of two children—John and Martha; Sarah H. married Andrew K. Uber, and has one son, Daniel W.; Mary A. is the wife of William Kerr of Harlansburg, Pa., and is the mother of seven—Robert W., William, Samuel G., Catherine, Mary, Charles, and Anna R.; Lydia A. married J. M. Dennison and has four children—Sarah, Clark G., Martha E., and May Belle; and John W., who first married Margaret Johnson and then Clara Blair. John McComb, Jr., had one child, William P., by his first wife, who died in 1887, and a few years later he contracted his second marriage, from which union resulted one child, Arthur L.

As has been stated, Mr. McComb is very alert to all which has to do with the betterment of mankind. He believes that a minister of the Gospel should have a living interest in secular as well as spiritual things, and he is a warm adherent to the principles of the Republican party. Though now an aged man, he is full of the spirit and fervor of Christianity. Still a pleasing and forcible talker, he has a fund of information and pointed anecdote with which to show a moral and expound a well-presented truth. Of kindly disposition and upright life, he is looked up to and loved by all who know him. When sorrow comes he is a sympathetic comforter, whose hand ever points upward to that fair and happy land beyond the skies. It is the influence of such men as he that makes life worth living to very many, for through him they receive hopes for that better and more peaceful state on the other side of the river.

McCLURE HARTSELL, dealer in lumber and owner of a prosperous blacksmithing business, is a resident of Plain Grove township, who, though not yet past the meridian of life, has by his methods of business built up a heavy and profitable mercantile enterprise, and has at the same time reached a position of leadership and of prominence in Lawrence County.

Mr. Hartsell entered upon this life July 7, 1853, in Clarion Co., Pa. His education was received in Clarion and Lawrence Counties, and his first labor was performed upon a farm, where he worked until he was twenty-two years of age.

In 1876, he began learning blacksmithing in Fayette, Lawrence County, a trade in which he became very proficient in two years time. In 1878, he came to Plain Grove township, and commenced working at his vocation. Success following his efforts, and being alive to every opportunity, he embarked in the lumber business, but still continued blacksmithing. The year 1886 found him extensively engaged in the wholesale hardwood trade, and also dealing in car stock and railroad ties. He has followed his two leading lines of business with uniform success since that time and at present is a heavy shipper of the lumber which goes to the Buffalo Car Works, and to the plant of Wheeler & Holden. He also sends large orders to Berwick, Pa. As a side line to the blacksmithing business, he handles a complete stock of carriages, and keeps himself in close touch with the best sources of supply.

Mr. Hartsell's parents were Henry and Cerina (Hartsell) Hartsell, the former a native of the Keystone State, and the latter also a native of the same State, her birth having occurred in Clarion Co., Pa. Henry Hartsell was in his day a lumber dealer and a raftsmen, at one time having a business that was second to none in this section. The most of his life was spent in Clarion Co., Pa., where he raised a large family that was a credit and honor to him. He was always an important factor in the sections where he resided. An ardent Republican, he worked hard for the welfare of his party, but never sought any public position. He was ever a good tactician and a man whose counsel could be acted upon with safety. He married Cerina Hartsell, a distant relative, and to them were born

three children—McClure, the subject of our sketch; John, who married Lucia Mager of Elk City, Pa.; and Richard, also happily married. This family were carefully brought up in the fold of the M. E. Church. Mr. Hartsell, the father, died in 1867, but his widow is still living at an honored old age.

McClure Hartsell, our subject, was raised under Republican influences, but he is a man who has sound reasons of his own for belonging to that party. Like his father, he has extremely good judgment as to men and affairs, and his influence is thoroughly appreciated by those who are his associates in locally directing the interests of the Republican party. During his active business life, he has not often been able to serve his fellow-citizens in official capacities, but in the year 1895 he accepted an appointment as paster and folder for the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

Mr. Hartsell was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Stuart in 1879. She is a daughter of John Stuart of Harlansburg, this county. The family with which they have surrounded themselves consists of the following four members: Orpha R.; Axie S.; Matilda M.; and John M. Mr. Hartsell and his family are regular attendants of the United Presbyterian Church. In social life, our subject is very active. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and other societies, some purely fraternal and social, and others beneficial in their character. His business relations are of the pleasantest. He has had to work for all he possesses, and his present leading position in the lines of trade in which he is intimately interested, comes as a direct result of the system and care with which he watches

every detail. The lumber business which he handles demands the strictest integrity, for he caters to a trade whose wants are of the most exacting nature, and must be filled to the letter. The hold Mr. Hartsell has upon those large consumers is the best commentary upon his business ability and extreme fidelity. In the community no one is better liked than he or held in higher esteem, and every whit of the respect, accorded Mr. Hartsell, is his due and thoroughly deserved.

CHARLES PLEAS, manager of the Edwin Bell & Sons Co.'s keg factory at New Castle, was born Jan. 26, 1869, in Pittsburg, Pa. He was reared and educated in that city, and as his father died when our subject was quite young in years, he was thrown upon his own resources at an early age and forced to take care of himself. When he was about eight years of age, he went to work for his uncle on a farm about eight miles from Pittsburg; after spending four years of pretty hard labor for one so young, and receiving no compensation except his "keep," he left his uncle and hired out on a farm for fifty cents a day. At length becoming tired of farm life, as ill-suited to one of his natural bent, he resolved to return to the city and make a living for himself. He secured work in a keg factory, and remained with the firm with which he first engaged to work, until that firm closed out its business in 1888.

In the same year he secured a position in the employ of the Edwin Bell & Sons Co.; and worked at their factory in Pittsburg until 1892,



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spent a year in another of their factories at Beaver Falls, Pa., and in 1893 came to New Castle to manage the firm's keg factory, and is still efficiently fulfilling the duties of that position. Mr. Pleas shows his aggressive and energetic nature in the way in which he has surmounted all obstacles and risen to his present place of authority and responsibility from apprenticeship through the different grades. He is a master of all the details of the business which he has in charge, and superintends all departments of the factory.

Our subject married Bessie L. Griffith, daughter of Israel N. Griffith, whose sketch is found on another page of this book.

MARTIN R. DALY, whose portrait with that of his wife, is shown on the opposite page, lives in Mahoningtown, and is employed by the P. & W. R. R. at New Castle Junction as general yard master and foreman of machinery; he was born in Peru, Ind., Aug. 9, 1867, and is a son of Martin and Ellen (Bearney) Daly.

Our subject's father was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, where both his father and mother died; when he was thirteen years of age, he bade farewell to the land of his birth, and set sail for the United States, going at once after his arrival to Detroit, where he lived and supported himself as best he could. From Detroit he went to Indianapolis, and after his marriage took up a residence in Peru, Ind., where the children of the family were born. During his life-time, Martin Daly was well known in local railroad circles, and at the time of his death was

freight agent at Peru, Ind.; this last important incident of his career occurred in 1874, when he was aged forty-seven years, and in the very prime of life. His wife was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1834, and at the age of thirteen came to America with her brothers, landing in Canada, and coming thence to Terre Haute, Ind., and finally to Indianapolis of the same State, where her wedding took place. She bore her husband a strong, robust family of nine children as follows: Michael; Bertha; Kate; Charles, deceased; James D.; Martin R.; John William, deceased; Phillip; and Joseph P. The last-mentioned son is the only member of the family, besides Martin R., who resides in Lawrence County; he is conducting a confectionery store in Mahoningtown, and adds materially to the business interests of the place.

Our subject's youth was spent in Peru, Ind., where he attended the public schools, and the St. Charles Academy of that place, from which institution he graduated. He then accepted a position as shipping clerk in a basket factory of Peru, where he acquired an intimate knowledge of accounts and business methods, that have proved very serviceable to him. After continuing in this position for quite a period, he became a brakeman on the Wabash R. R., but soon resigned to accept a position in the shops of the Pennsylvania R. R., where he worked one year as machinist. In 1887, he moved to Mt. Carmel, Ill., where he was locomotive fireman for three years. He came to Mahoningtown April 10, 1890, and took a position as engineer on the Pittsburg & Western R. R., and served in that capacity until April 1, 1896, at which time he was appointed general yard master and foreman

of machinery at New Castle Junction. He is still fulfilling the duties of that responsible position with a carefulness and method that have obtained for him the confidence and regard of his superiors, and proven him a valuable servant.

Mr. Daly was united in marriage at Mt. Carmel, Ill., April 18, 1894, to Annie Maurer, daughter of Adam Maurer and his wife Margaret. Two children are the fruit of this marriage: Paul, who died in infancy; and William. His political views are pronounced in character, and make him a strong Democrat. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Wabash Lodge, No. 327, of Mt. Carmel, Ill. He is also a member of B. L. E. Div., No. 411, of Painesville, Ohio. Since coming to Mahoningtown, he has taken a deep and intelligent interest in the welfare and growth of the place, and is considered a model citizen.



ELISHA M. STEVENSON. It is not often that the chronicler of local history finds among the representative citizens, native both to the county and township, one whose age quite approaches that of the prominent citizen of New Bedford, Pulaski township, whose name appears as the heading of this personal history. The assertion is often made that a century ago our forefathers lived longer than we of the present time do, yet here we have in the person of Mr. Stevenson one of the oldest men that has ever made his home for any length of time in the county. He was born in Pulaski township, Dec. 22, 1806, and is therefore almost ninety-one years; this makes him the oldest citizen in the

county as well as the longest connected with the growth of this section. His parents, James and Catherine (Moore) Stevenson, came from Donegal, Ireland, just previous to the Revolutionary War. James Stevenson enlisted in the army, and the family underwent the horrors of war in a new country, far from home and friends. Soon after his enlistment, soon after Philadelphia was occupied by the British, he was taken prisoner, lodged in a stone jail in the above-named city, and then sent under surveillance to New York, where after waiting eight months he was liberated. After his duty in the ranks was discharged he acted as a tax collector for the Government. In those days, as well as at all other times, the Quakers would not join in the fight for Independence, as it was against the rules of their order to engage in strife, so in order that they might help bear the burden of the war, they were compelled to pay heavy taxes to buy supplies for the men who went upon the bloody field. Mr. Stevenson was appointed as one of these tax collectors, and served the Government in this capacity until the end of the war. He next engaged in charcoal burning in Chester Co., Pa.; he then moved to Virginia where he spent some time, and then transferred his residence to Pulaski township in 1806; whence he removed to Poland, Ohio, about 1808, where he purchased some choice land that was still in its primeval state, and as yet unscarred by the hand of man. He cleared the timber from the place, utilizing it for charcoal, which he disposed of to the Yellow Creek Furnace that was located in the neighborhood of Poland. He spent the remainder of his days there, and by hard, incessant toil provided for his family, and accumulated some property,

besides. His first wife was Hannah, a sister of Col. Bull, who served in the Revolutionary Army. Nine children resulted from this marriage: Andrew; Thomas; Elijah; Margaret; Lucy; Nancy; Sarah; Hannah; and Mary. The mother went the way of all flesh, and the father, after looking about for some one to aid him and to preside over the household, married Catherine Moore, who bore him: Robert; James; William; Rebecca; Elisha M.; Silas; Samson; Samuel; and a baby that died in its infancy. The family was brought up to attend the Presbyterian Church, and to live according to the precepts given them by the various pastors who had charge of the flock. Mr. Stevenson was a Whig, and in his later years became an Abolitionist, doing whatever his advanced years would allow him to do in the spreading of the movement directed against human slavery.

Because of the large size of the family, our subject's father was unable to provide all with a complete education, but Elisha M. received the benefit of the subscription school in Poland, Ohio, and in Pulaski, Pa. He then took a preparatory course for civil engineering under old Master Johnson, after which he dealt in merchandise in company with his uncle in Wayne Co., Ohio. For about a year he was in Pittsburgh, interested in mercantile business, and then moved to Hookstown, Beaver Co., Pa., and again kept a store. At this time he married Nancy Dawson, April 30, 1829, and still carried on his store until he bought his present farm in 1831, which he cultivated himself up to 1890. For six consecutive winters, he was also engaged in teaching school, which meant a good deal in those days, when boys attended the schools until

they were full-grown men, and delighted in throwing out a teacher whenever it was possible. Mrs. Stevenson was a daughter of Thomas Dawson, an astronomer of Beaver Co., Pa. The first three children born of our subject's union, Homer, Nancy A. and Catherine, sank into the grave in their youth. Elisha, whose demise occurred in 1886, grew to years of manhood and discretion, married Ellen Brown of New Bedford, and had four children—Joseph, Harvey, Willard and Amy; of these four children, Joseph married Gertrude Martin of Oil City, Pa., and has a little son, Robert M. Willard married Adda McClung. Rebecca E., the next in order of birth after Elisha M., married James Neal of Pulaski township, and their family consists of Alice, Dawson, Leonora, Nellie, and Florence. The youngest son, Dawson, married Mary Cookingham of Chautauqua Co., N. Y., and this union has been blessed with four children, Metta, Homer D., Melva and Mabel. Of these children Homer D. married Clementine Brownlee of Coitsville, Ohio. Melva married Vennis A. Green and resides in Huntingdon Co., Pa. Mrs. Stevenson died in 1872, aged 72 years.

Mr. Stevenson converses with ease and shows his wide acquaintance with books and papers that pass current in these days; he keeps himself abreast of the times, and is ever eager to learn all about any new subject. In speaking of religious matters, he evinces a liberal turn of mind. He is a man who has lived through trouble and thrived. He has a broad comprehension of subjects that would not catch the notice of an ordinary reader, and from his standpoint of age and experience he can elucidate many of the lessons that confront mankind in the great Book of Life.

DR. DEWEES CUNNINGHAM. The gentleman, whose name heads this sketch, is conspicuous and well known among the professional men of Lawrence County, who have attained success by adroit endeavor, close application and the constant practice of their profession. By carefully diagnosing his cases, and treating them with that skill, acquired by long years of constant study and varied practice, he has established a reputation for competency, which has redounded to his financial welfare. Ever since the war, Dr. Cunningham has been a steady resident of Wurtemberg, Perry township, and a leader among the practicing physicians. Our subject comes naturally by his taste for medical science, for his father was a physician before him, and practiced, like many another doctor of the old school in the early times, through the country a great deal, traveling about on horseback, and at times almost living in the saddle. The elder doctor possessed a kindly nature, and while he was very successful in his profession and attained to a comfortable estate, he did not place a barrier between himself and the less fortunate in worldly goods; but, on the contrary, he was enabled by his position in life to alleviate much real suffering. Dr. Robert Cunningham was a Pennsylvanian, being born in Beaver County, although his father, Thomas, came first to Steubenville, Ohio, from across the sea in Ireland. Our subject's father married Miss Allison, daughter of James Allison of Beaver County, and these children lived to bear his name: Louisa, who became Mrs. Edward White; Addison, who married Miss Woods; Abelard, who married Miss Wallace, but who is now deceased; Julietta, deceased; Dewees, of

whom more is to be said further on; Cecelia, who became the wife of Dr. Atwood; and Jennie, who married L. C. Kirker.

Dewees Cunningham began his existence March 6, 1842, and during the years of his boyhood obtained the rudiments of an education in the common schools of North Sewickley. This was followed with a course in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and he finally graduated from the Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1871. The Civil War of 1861-65 breaking out soon after he was ready to begin his professional career, Dr. Cunningham found a post of duty as assistant physician and surgeon, and remained steadfastly in the service of his country until the cessation of hostilities, and the complete victory of the Union. Returning from the scenes of carnage at the front, experienced and ready for work, he opened up a general practice in Wurtemberg, Perry township, where his superior qualifications as a physician afforded a broad foundation, on which a large practice was built. Dr. Cunningham is now because of the weight of his years practically retired, and enjoys the prestige he gained by many years of almost incessant work. He stands high among the members of the medical fraternity, and is highly respected as a man of enterprise, who has been remarkably successful in his efforts. He has imbued his sons with the healing instinct and a love for the profession, as the eldest, Dalton D., has graduated from the Dental College of Ohio, and has opened an office on Lawrence Avenue in Ellwood City, where he has splendid facilities and a large field for dental work. James Norman, the third child, and second son, is a student

at Marion Simms Medical College of St. Louis, Mo., of which the next son, Robert B. is a graduate. Cora, the eldest daughter, and Ida and Gertrude Pearl, the fifth and sixth children, respectively, are living at home. One son, John D., is deceased. Mrs. Cunningham's maiden name was Catherine Smiley, and she was a daughter of William Smiley of Wayne township, Lawrence Co., Pa. The family are Presbyterians in religious belief. Dr. Cunningham early espoused the Republican cause in politics. Although his active career is now practically closed, his is the satisfaction of looking back over years of usefulness and thrilling incidents, such as occur only when human life hangs in the balance, and his is the privilege of being regarded as a personal benefactor by numberless friends, whom his skill has helped in some way or other.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON. The elderly gentleman just named is one of Pulaski's prominent citizens, and leading farmers; he is in affluent circumstances, a result he secured by hard work and excellent foresight. He was born Sept. 21, 1822, and was a son of William and Jane (Dunbar) Anderson, who were both born in County Down, Ireland, coming to this country with their respective parents in youth.

John Anderson, the grandfather of our honored subject, "crossed the pond" about 1789, and after living a number of years in Westmoreland County, came to Pulaski township, Lawrence County, in 1799, and purchased the farm, a part of which is now the property of his grandson. The land, a tract of three hundred acres, was in

its primeval state of wilderness, and he cleared about a third of it. He was a weaver by trade, and worked at that occupation a number of years after coming to this country. The family consisted of these members: William; John; James; Thomas; Mary (Walker); Eleanor (Ward); and Isabella. They were reared to reverence and adhere to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

William Anderson, the eldest son, attended the district school, and on the parental farm engaged in farming, an occupation he never relinquished. As a voter he was loyal to the Whigs until the slavery question had precipitated the Abolitionist-party, when he joined the ranks of the latter organization, and thereafter did what he could to bring to a head the agitation on the subject. However, he was not permitted to see Columbia free from the taint of slavery, for he died at the age of sixty-six, some nine years before Ft. Sumter was fired upon. He married and became the father of ten children, six of whom lived to rear families. Elizabeth married F. J. Morrison of Pulaski township, and their children were: Hannah, William F., Albert, and David E. Isabella became the wife of James McGaughey of Pulaski township, and bore her husband five children: Rebecca, Maria J., Harriet A., William D., and Frank. Mary A. wedded John Sample of Lawrence Co., Pa., and now lives in Aledo, Ill., and their family comprised: Alvin, William, and Jane. Ellen married James Sherriff, and both are now deceased. Alexander, the subject of this sketch, was the fifth child. Nancy was the sixth child, and she became the life companion and wife of Isaac Book of Mahoning township, bearing him two children,

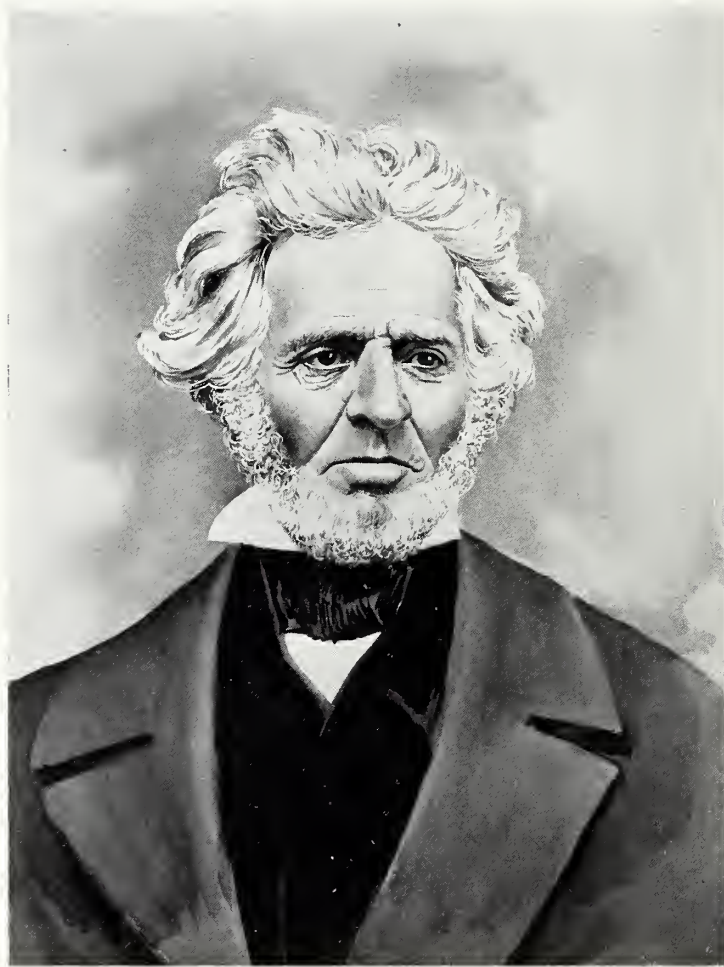
Hannah and Alver, deceased. Newell, deceased, was the seventh of the family, and the remaining four died in infancy. The truths of the Gospel, as presented by the Presbyterian Church, were inculcated into their education, and became parts of their daily life. In 1865, Mrs. Anderson, our subject's mother, passed away, having completed four score years.

Alexander Anderson went to school, and having received a good common school training, in which he had labored as well as he knew how, taught school himself for a matter of four terms. He then applied himself to agricultural pursuits, and he has always lived on the parental estate, where he has succeeded fairly well in his mode of life. Politically, he is a Republican, and being high in the regard and confidence of his fellow-townsmen has held not a few of the township offices. He has been twice married, the first union in 1852 being with Lavina McBride, daughter of James M. McBride of Pulaski township; she bore him four children: Laura, deceased; Addie; Charles, who married Lillie B. Leslie of New Castle, and has in his family—Robert A., Helen, Raymond, and Christine; Melva, the youngest child, married Alexander A. Anderson of Mercer Co., Pa., and they have two sons, Clarence and Newell. The second matrimonial alliance was with Nancy Geddes of Pulaski township, and by this union there is one child living, Margaret Elizabeth, and two that died in infancy. In church preferences the family still adheres to the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Anderson has profited by the years he has devoted to the pursuits of agriculture, and he has developed into a man of broad ideas, who is thoroughly informed on all points touch-

ing or relating in the remotest fashion to his business. He has a good standing in the community as a man who has never failed to pay his honest debts, and his private and public life elicits the full admiration of those with whom he comes in contact. His advanced years do not prevent him from mingling with younger men in the active fields of business, nor from taking an intelligent interest in matters of moment to the township, county, state or the country at large. He is certainly such a citizen of whom any country would be proud, and Lawrence County is fortunate in being able to include him among her number of representative and leading men.

BENJAMIN NEAL, a substantial and well-to-do farmer of Pulaski township, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born June 20, 1843 in the above township. He is a son of Alexander and Nancy (Mayers) Neal.

Alexander Neal was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., and was one of the early settlers in Pulaski township, where he took up his residence in 1806. He bought 400 acres of wild land, and worked at clearing and improving it, by his industry providing himself with a comfortable living, and giving his family many advantages, usually denied to pioneer settlers. He served in the War of 1812 as a private and a fifer in the fife and drum corps. Politically, he affiliated with the Whigs, and later joined the Republican ranks. His helpmeet was Nancy Mayers, a daughter of Benjamin Mayers of Hubbard, Ohio, and their children were: James, Benjamin, Alexander,



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and Sarah A. These all married, and became the parents of families. James took Rebecca Stevenson of New Bedford, Pa., to share his lot, and they have five children living—Alice, Dawson F., Leonora, Nellie, and Florence. Benjamin, the second son of Alexander Neal, is the subject of this personal history, and of him we shall speak later. Alexander, the next in order of birth, espoused Sarah Heasley of Pulas-ki, and they have a boy, Clarence, and a girl, Pearl M. Sarah A., the only daughter, became the life companion of James Stevenson of Beaver Co., Pa., and they have one daughter, Hattie D., as the fruit of their marriage. Mrs. Sarah (Neal) Stevenson is a lady of sterling qualities, highly endowed with good common sense, and is highly thought of in her neighborhood. She possesses the happy faculty of making the home bright and attractive to an unusual degree. The Neals were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Alexander Neal's life terminated on Aug. 1, 1874, having passed the three-quarter century mark; he was survived by his wife, who lived until Aug. 29, 1880, when she, too, passed to her last home at the age of eighty-four.

Benjamin Neal had a common school education, and then began to make a livelihood by agricultural pursuits, and has never deviated from that course. Politically, he is a steadfast Republican, and although no office-seeker, he has been assessor, and is now supervisor. In 1876, he was bound by the ties of wedlock to Emma Barrett, whose father was Matthew Barrett, and she gave birth to two sons, Charles G. and James A. Mrs. Neal answered the summons of death when a young woman, being only thirty-two years of age at the date of her demise in 1886.

Some time afterwards, Mr. Neil married Ollie M. Campfield of Clarksville, Mercer Co., Pa. Mr. Neal's influence has always been cast in favor of the best moral interests of the community, and he has never been known to shirk a pledge given, or a responsibility undertaken. He has proved an excellent servant of the township as assessor and as supervisor, and will be continued in office many more years, no doubt, so that his fellow-citizens may have the benefit of his good judgment and executive ability.

JAMES WHIPPO, who is extensively engaged in gardening and in fruit-raising in the northern section of Shenango township, a mile from the city limits of New Castle on the County Line Road, was born in New Castle, Sept. 28, 1840. He is a son of Dr. Charles Tillotson Whippo, whose wife was Althea A. Warner, a daughter of James Warner. Our subject's grandfather, James Whippo, who was born Oct. 14, 1760, and died Jan. 24, 1832, was Scotch by descent. He lived for a time in Washington Co., N. Y., whence he moved in 1802 to Cayuga Co., N. Y., where he bought a farm and successfully carried on agricultural operations; he was also a sailor for eleven years or more. He married Hannah Wood, daughter of John and Dinah (Hussey) Wood of Dartmouth, Mass., and the eldest of six children. She was born May 5, 1771, and died Aug. 30, 1838; she was a woman of much ability, and was for a considerable period clerk of the Friends' Yearly meetings of New York City. One of her brothers, Jethro,

was the inventor of the first cast-iron plow. The children born to James and Hannah (Wood) Whippo were as follows: Amelia, born Feb. 17, 1788, and died June 18, 1792; John, born in Washington Co., N. Y., May 22, 1790, and died in Dublin, Ind., July 31, 1862, leaving three children by his second wife, Sarah M. Lawrence: Charles Henry, born May 22, 1830, James Lawrence, Aug. 5, 1834, and Maria Louisa, Sept. 9, 1844; Charles Tillotson, our subject's father; and Anna, born July 20, 1795, and died March 7, 1816.

Dr. Charles Tillotson Whippo was an eminent civil engineer as well as a physician of his day, and was in charge of large portions of the construction-work of the canals. He was born April 19, 1793, in Washington Co., N. Y., and died June 14, 1858, in New Castle, Pa., in his sixty-sixth year. In consideration of his schooling, he relinquished all the interest he might have in his father's estate, and went about identifying himself with one of the leading professions. He studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. John Thompson, the husband of Anne Wood, the sister of Hannah (Wood) Whippo, and began the practice of medicine in Cayuga Co., N. Y., from which locality he moved to Henrietta, Monroe Co., N. Y. He was very fond of mathematics, especially of the higher branches, and was well versed in the sciences of astronomy, geology and botany. The profession of civil engineering proving to have greater attractions for him than that of medicine, he relinquished his practice in the medical line, and entered the engineer service of the Erie Canal with David Thomas. He owned a farm at Holly, N. Y., where he left his family for a year, when he came into Beaver Co.,

Pa., in 1831, and took charge as engineer of the Beaver & Erie Extension of the Pennsylvania Canal. In 1832 he moved his family to New Castle, Pa., where he purchased 500 acres of land, 250 of which are now within the city limits of New Castle. Lawrence County was formed from the adjoining counties of Beaver and Mercer, March 20, 1849, and in the following October, Dr. Whippo was elected associate judge, and served the full term of five years. The Bank of New Castle, that city's first bank of issue, was incorporated March 30, 1855, with Dr. Whippo at its head as the president. He was mainly instrumental in organizing the first Seminary in New Castle, and elected president of the board of directors. He possessed a fine library, and was an untiring student. He became interested in the study of the subject of electricity, purchased an electrical apparatus, and had a practical knowledge of the science as far as it was understood in his day. His fortune being ample, he devoted the latter part of his life entirely to literary pursuits. He was liberal when it came to religious matters, and was a Republican in his politics. He was united in marriage Jan. 18, 1818, to Althea Ann Warner, who was born July 18, 1798, and who departed this life Aug. 21, 1865. Their oldest child, Amelia Ann, who was born Oct. 28, 1818, in Henrietta, N. Y., and who died Dec. 11, 1845, in Connersville, Ind., of angina pectoris, was married Sept. 12, 1837, to Henry Clay Moore, and bore him these children: Robert, born June 19, 1838 in New Castle, married Alice Filley Oct. 3, 1878; Charles Whippo, born Sept. 11, 1840 in Connersville, Ind., died June 8, 1877, in Dana, Ind., leaving his wife, Marion A. (Eddy) Moore, and daughter Emma;

Mary Stibbs, who was born April 6, 1843; Franklin, who was born July 6, 1845, in New Castle, Pa., and died June 28, 1846, in Connerville, Ind. Ellen D. who was born Oct. 1, 1822, and died Oct. 7, 1881, married, Jan. 14, 1847, Dryden Reno, and they became the parents of two children: Althea Ellen, who was born Nov. 12, 1847, and who married on May 3, 1878, Frank D. Storm; Louis Cassius, who was born June 28, 1851, and married Lizzie Hays. Maria, the third daughter, born Jan. 20, 1834, and died May 15, 1874, married on Dec. 15, 1853, Henry Reis, and gave birth to these children: Robert C., born Oct. 13, 1854, died Dec. 2, 1857; Charles, born Oct. 19, 1856, married Sarah Davis; Ellen, born May 5, 1860, married W. S. Jackman; James Whippo, born Dec. 27, 1863, married Mary Miller; Lillian, born Oct. 20, 1866; Louis, Sept. 30, 1869; and Althea Mary, who was born March 28, 1874. The fourth child in the family of Dr. Whippo, Charles, was born Jan. 21, 1837, and died Feb. 18, 1857. Joseph, born May 1, 1838, died Aug. 29, 1838.

Of the six children born to his parents, our subject, James Whippo, was the youngest, and is now the sole survivor. His boyhood years were spent in his native city, attending school and the seminary; in 1853 and 1854 he was enrolled among the pupils of Prof. Sulio's school in Salem, Ohio. He then followed up his seminary education with a college course at Greenmount, Pa., and at Richmond, Ind.; in 1856 he went to Duff's Business College in Pittsburg for the winter. Having been left in comfortable circumstances by his father, James Whippo gave no attention to business of any sort for a number of years. On June 5, 1859, he married Eliza-

beth Jane Armstrong, who was born in the town of Monaghan, County Monaghan, Ireland, Jan. 10, 1841. She came to America in 1844 with her brother, and lived with him in Pittsburg until her marriage in 1859. Her father, Thomas Armstrong, was born in 1812 in County Monaghan, and died in 1842; he was a large landholder and very well-to-do. Her mother's maiden name was Campbell, her parents being also large land-holders in the same locality, having originally come from Scotland. Mrs. Whippo's mother was born in 1816 and died in 1841.

After his marriage Mr. Whippo took up his residence on the old homestead, which he made his home until the spring of 1867, when he moved to his present location, a well-improved tract of thirty-five acres, which is mostly devoted to fruit-raising, having on it about eight hundred peach trees, and other large and small fruits in proportion. On this farm since 1867 he has been interested in gardening and fruit-raising, supplying both the local market, and also shipping to surrounding points. His home life has been blessed by the advent of five children, who are as follows: Minnie E., born March 9, 1860; Maude, who was born Aug. 28, 1861, and married Joseph B. Hutton; Charles T., born Feb. 10, 1868, died Dec. 21, 1868; Daisy N., born Oct. 31, 1872; and Blanche, born Dec. 29, 1873. Mr. Whippo is a Republican of pronounced views. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias organization, but allowed his membership to lapse. He is a member of the G. A. R. by virtue of his services in Co. I, 87th Reg. O. V. I.; he enlisted in June, 1862, was taken prisoner by Longstreet's brigade, Harper's Ferry, Va., near Antietam, and was finally mustered out

of the service at Baltimore, receiving an honorable discharge October, 1862.

As a gentleman worthy of the fullest recognition in the early history of the country, whose eminent services in various fields of labor for the advancement of the interests of this section will not be soon forgotten, we deem it a pleasure to present the portrait of Dr. Charles T. Whippo, father of James, our subject.

THOMAS M. STEWART. It is an interesting matter to note the progress and development of our present splendid system of public instruction, and to compare the numberless facilities of the school of to-day with its embryonic prototype, the school of pioneer times, rugged and simple in its various appointments, when a thorough knowledge of the three R's—'rithmetic, reading and 'riting—instilled with liberal applications of the birch, was considered sufficient for all the ordinary vocations of life. This interesting evolution is never at a standstill, but keeps pace with advances in science and the arts. The school of to-day, seemingly simple in many of its appointments, is yet of a very complex character, and still presents serious problems to the student in pedagogy. To be fitted for the requirements of the position the present-day school teacher undergoes a far more thorough preparation than was ever thought necessary in the best schools fifty years ago. The position of county superintendent of schools presents difficulties and problems, that can only be successfully solved by one who has had wide experience

in teaching, and whose executive ability is of the best. Lawrence County has been particularly fortunate in many of the school superintendents, but in no one have so many excellencies united as in Thomas M. Stewart, the present incumbent, and the subject of this writing. His school experience covers a quarter of a century, and for all the time that he has been in the active ranks he has never taught outside of the county, and for this reason is all the more fitted to attend to his present duties. He was elected to his present position in 1896 by the board of directors elected for that purpose, and by his excellent work has won the esteem of all those interested in educational matters.

Mr. Stewart is a son of James and Martha (Taylor) Stewart, and grandson of Robert and Margaret (Davidson) Stewart. Robert Stewart was born in Ireland, and was a man of iron constitution, his life spanning ninety-two years at his death Aug. 18, 1854. His mother was a Miss Hamilton. He had the benefit of a fine education, was a man of able intellect, and taught school in Pennsylvania as late as 1836. His wife was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and was a daughter of James and Mary (Clendenning) Davidson. She also lived to an advanced age, being eighty-seven years old, when she went to her rest Sept. 24, 1857. Her mother, Mary (Clendenning) Davidson, was left a widow, and brought the family of seven children to America, where she died in 1790.

James Stewart, the father of Supt. Stewart, began his existence at McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa., Aug. 18, 1797. In 1815 he came with his parents to Lawrence County, settling on the farm where our subject lives, and where James

died Aug. 18, 1870, aged exactly seventy-three years to a day. He was always a farmer. In politics, he was a Whig in the early days, and latterly followed the Republican standard. He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was thrice married. Isabella (Silliman) Stewart bore him four children. Martha (Taylor) Stewart was the mother of seven children, and Margaret (Fullerton) Stewart attained the age of eighty-three and died childless. Martha T. Stewart, the mother of Thomas M., was born in Beaver County in 1811, and was a daughter of William and Annie (Wilson) Taylor. William Taylor, who was a son of John and Mary (Mann) Taylor, was born at Gilgin Park, near Ballyman, County Antrim, Ireland, Dec. 21, 1776, and died Oct. 25, 1856. His wife, Annie Wilson, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Speedy) Wilson, was born Jan. 23, 1780, and she departed this life Dec. 19, 1863. Of the family born to James and Martha (Taylor) Stewart—William died at the age of seven and Margaret at the age of four; Alvin H. lives near the home place; John Q. and Thomas M. were twins; Annie makes her home with Thomas M.; and Martha died in infancy. John Q. Stewart, our subject's twin-brother, lives at Harrisburg, Pa., where he is attending to his work as deputy State school superintendent of public instruction.

Thomas M. Stewart was born on the farm in Little Beaver township, where he makes his home, Sept. 23, 1844, and was reared to a noble manhood there. He attended the district schools until he was seventeen, and later became a pupil in the Hayesville Linnean Academy in Ohio, whence he went to Mt. Union College in Ohio, where he completed his school education. His

life-work has been teaching, and he has a very remarkable record. He began when twenty-two years of age, and taught eleven years in Enon Valley, and four in Wampum, and the remaining seven in Little Beaver and Little Beaver townships, all within driving distance of his home. To his labors as county superintendent Mr. Stewart brings a high order of intelligence, which, with his excellent judgment and unswerving integrity, have made him a man of more than ordinary influence in the community. On Sept. 3, 1884, Mr. Stewart was allied in wedlock with Emma Miller, daughter of John J. and Sarah (Myers) Miller, and they are the parents of four charming children, John Q., Mary E., Martha, and Grace Corinne. Mr. Stewart is faithful to the Republican party, although he does not carry politics into his school work, nor let his duties be interfered with in the least. He is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL D. SLEMMONS, who now resides in Enon Valley, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born near Hopedale, Harrison Co., Ohio, April 7, 1856. Of eight children in his father's family, four sons are living, and four daughters have passed away. Mr. Slemmons lived in Harrison County until 1863 or '64, when the family removed to Hardin County near Ada, where he went to school until he was eighteen, living at home until after his father's death. He then secured a place as a clerk in a clothing store of Lima, Ohio, and remained in that position for one year, after which he traveled for a grain mer-

chant, and lived for a short time at Farmer City, Ill. Returning to Hardin Co., Ohio, he was appointed deputy auditor of the county, and after serving eighteen months he resigned to go to Columbus, Ohio, where he was employed in the State House for three months. He next secured a place in a clothing store, and was thus employed at the time of his marriage in 1889. This event, to which reference has just been made, occurred on July 10 of that year, and was the means of uniting in marital bonds himself and Susan B. Slemons. Then having real estate interests in Enon Valley, Lawrence Co., Pa., he removed to that place, which has since been his permanent location. After his removal to Enon Valley, Mr. Slemmons was engaged in mercantile business for a year, but lost his stock by fire, as he had previously in his first commercial venture in Lima. He has large investments in landed property, owning a house in Enon Valley, and a farm of 127 acres near the village, forty-one acres in Allegheny Co., and eighty acres in the State of Kansas. On Aug. 19, 1897, our subject and wife were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, who has been named J. Guy.

Susan B. (Slemons) Slemmons, our subject's wife, was born in Old Enon, and was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Kildoo) Slemons. It is a rather odd coincidence that husband's and wife's names should differ only in the addition or omission of an M, but they are not able to trace any blood relationship, and if there is any, it must be many generations back in Scotland. On Mrs. Slemmons' mother's side the father's name is unknown, but the grandmother's name was once Miss Stickel. James Slemons was born in Ireland, and was a son of James Slemons, Sr.,

who emigrated to America, where he died in 1879, when he was fifty-seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. James Slemons, parents of our subject's wife, are members of the Presbyterian Church, and of their two children, Mrs. Slemmons alone is living.

Our subject, during his stay in Ohio, served as constable, and in Enon Valley, Lawrence County, he officiated as supervisor for one year. In May, 1896, he was elected justice of the peace. In politics he is a Republican, and is acting as secretary of the Republican County Committee, of which committee he has been a member almost continually since becoming a citizen of Little Beaver township. In August, 1897, he was appointed a member of the executive committee, which appointment continues for one year. At the present time (1897) he is a candidate for surveyor of the port in Pittsburg. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, and is recording secretary of the Junior O. U. A. M. Since his arrival in Little Beaver township, Mr. Slemmons has thoroughly identified himself with all its interests, and is considered one of its most valuable citizens; he has done all in his power in building up the community and giving it a moral tone, and is considered one of its mainstays. He was elected director and treasurer of the Mt. Jackson Mutual Insurance Co., which was organized Oct. 2, 1897. He has been faithful to the relations of life, and bears an excellent reputation for uprightness and fair dealing.

Our subject is a son of Samuel and Eleanor P. (Leatham) Slemmons, the latter a daughter of Elias and Susan (Maxwell) Leatham. Elias Leatham was a son of Robert Leatham, who was born in the State of Delaware, and lived to



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be seventy-three years old. Elias was a Whig and later a Republican, and died at eighty-six; his wife, Susan Maxwell, was a daughter of Robert and Deborah (Weierman) Maxwell. Deborah was of German origin, a daughter of Robert and Susan Weierman. Robert Maxwell, great-grandfather of Mr. Slemmons, was of Scotch descent, and was a son of James Maxwell. Samuel Slemmons, father of the present bearer of that honored name, was a son of James and Kate (Johnson) Slemmons; James was a Pennsylvania farmer, and died in 1841, when fifty-eight years of age; his wife passed away in 1851, aged sixty-two. Samuel Slemmons was born June 9, 1814, in Jefferson Co., Ohio, and was a farmer and carpenter in his callings. Politically, he was a Republican, and served as school director, and as constable for sixteen years, and when sixty years old was elected justice of the peace. He was for the period before the Republican party came into existence an adherent of the Know-nothing party. He was taken to his long home in Canton, Ohio, July 23, 1886, when aged seventy-three years.

the journey took three months, which was the usual time made. With characteristic German thrift and energy, the lad worked his way and drifted to Lancaster Co., Pa., where he was employed by Daniel Hoal for three years, which was the term of years that it was agreed he should work for his passage over to this country, and then spent a few years in a distillery. His next employment was driving a six-horse team and canastoga from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh for the purpose of transporting merchandise. This job lasted five years, and then Joseph Repman married and settled in Canaan township, Wayne Co., Ohio; this farm was partially improved, and he continued to add to the improvements already made, until he obtained a good chance to dispose of the property to good advantage. Later on he removed to Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, where he died at seventy-five years of age. His wife, when fifty-one years old, was attacked by a wasting fever that terminated fatally. Their children were: Joseph; Hannah; Sophia; Simon; Jacob; Andrew; Mary; Eliza; John; Sarah, who died in early life; and Levi, the youngest of the family and the subject of this sketch.

LEVI REPMAN, one of Chewton's leading citizens, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is a gardener and model farmer of Wayne township. His life began in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 11, 1842, and his parents were Joseph and Mary (Leet) Repman. Joseph Repman when a lad of thirteen took passage on a sailing vessel from Frankfort, Germany, to the United States;

When a youth of fifteen summers, our subject went to Ashland, Ohio, where he learned the miller's trade, which he followed for two years, and then worked on a farm until he had attained his majority. In 1862, he enlisted in Co. E, 120th Reg. O. V. I., and served two years as a private. Then having discharged his duty as a loyal citizen, he left the service as his period of enlistment was up and went to Indiana and worked in a saw-mill and farmed for three years. His next move brought him to the grist-mills at

Rochester, Pa., where he staid five years. In 1868, he changed his occupation and worked in a limestone quarry for a year, for his throat had become affected by the dust of the milling. In company with P. Fisher, Mr. Repman leased the Shin, Williams & Co. lime kilns, and they burned lime for twenty years. He was a railway engineer for two years, and then bought thirty-three acres of the McCullon farm, and in 1892 built a house thereon. He had previously built one in Wampum in 1877. He owns a farm of ten acres, on which he has erected the necessary buildings, and made improvements so that it is thoroughly modern, and there he carries on farming and gardening. Mr. Repman chose for his wife Elizabeth McCullon, whose father was Aaron McCullon, and at her death she left two children, of whom Harry is a school teacher, and Ida J. married F. Schneider. Our subject then married again, the bride being Jennie Douthett, and her demise at thirty-eight years left a son, Charles. Our subject's third wife, now presiding over his household, was Maud Lostetter, whose father was James Lostetter of Pulaski.

Mr. Repman is a Republican and has served as school director for thirteen years, as member of the council for six years, and as treasurer of the borough of Wampum for two years. He is a member and past grand of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 196 of Wumpum, and also of the Encampment. Mr. Repman is a man who is liked by all his business associates with no exception, and is very highly esteemed by his personal friends. He has ever done what he could for the advancement of the moral, social and educational interests of the community.

JOHN Y. McANLIS, a leading and eminent agriculturist of Hickory township, was born Aug. 9, 1838, and is a son of William and Marjorie (Young McAnlis, and grandson of James and Susan (Sleith) McAnlis.

Our subject's grandfather was a farmer by occupation, and followed that vocation ever after coming to this country; he had been educated for the ministry, and was soon to be a clergyman, when his father's death upset his plans and transferred upon his shoulders the burden of supporting the family. He brought his family to America in 1821, and made a home for them in what is now Big Beaver township, then situated in Beaver township, but now an integral part of Lawrence County. On this farm of his in Big Beaver township, which he subsequently from time to time enlarged to a large and very valuable property, he lived until taken home to those gone before. His wife, who was also a native of the beautiful Emerald Isle, bore him nine children. The boys were: Samuel; John; William, the father of our subject; Robert; and James, who was six months old when the family left the home in Ireland. The girls were: Jane (Young), died Oct. 1, 1897, aged 98 years; Eliza (Kirk); Susan (Patterson); and Margaret (Luke). Two of the family, Samuel and Robert, died in Ireland, but with these two exceptions the remainder of the family grew to maturity. They were Covenanters in regard to their religious belief and attachments. The family, although coming from Ireland, were of pure Scotch ancestry, their home having been in the north of Ireland.

William McAnlis was born in Ireland in 1810, and received the major portion of his education

in the schools of the old country; on coming to this country with his parents in 1822, he worked on the paternal estate until thirty-three years of age, when he located on a farm in Big Beaver township, given to him by his father, who fitted each of his sons out in like manner. This continued to be his home until his decease June 18, 1880, and became the nucleus of an extensive estate of 350 acres, which he gathered together with prudence and forethought, aided in no little degree by hard work. His wife, a daughter of John Young, bore him the following children: James F., who was killed when in the army, defending the Union; John Y., the subject of this sketch; Robert S.; William W.; Joseph R., deceased; Susan J., deceased; Joseph H.; and Samuel S. Our subject's mother died in 1885, when aged seventy-four years.

John Y. McAnlis was educated in the schools of Big Beaver township, and has followed agricultural pursuits all of his life so far, until 1885 in Big Beaver township, and since that time on his farm of ninety-two acres in Hickory township, which property he acquired by purchase. The property is well-improved, with a fair amount given over to tillage, and a goodly quantity left for pasturage with running water convenient at hand for watering the stock; the farm is located about three miles from the center of the city of New Castle, and is easy of access in every season.

In 1870 his nuptials with Hannah Wilson, daughter of James Wilson of Big Beaver township, this county, were consummated, and they have resulted in the birth of five children, four of whom survive, as follows: Edwin M., who is a clerk in Kirk & Smith's hardware store in New

Castle; Marjorie, who has just finished her course in the Slippery Rock Normal School, graduating in the Class of 1897, July 2; J. Wilson; and Chauncey R. Mrs. McAnlis is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while Mr. McAnlis is somewhat liberal in his views. He is a Republican in his politics, and has held the office of school director and road supervisor, and is now attending to the duties of the office of poor director. He is popular and companionable, and counts his friends by the score. In his business dealings, he is distinguished by his square and honest methods, and conscientious scruples against taking the least advantage of anyone with whom he may chance to have business. In the community at large he is known as the best of citizens, whose every endeavor has been to bring about needed improvements, and to elevate the moral tone, and keep it fixed on a high standard.

JAMES S. WOOD, a prosperous citizen of Pulaski, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in his present home on Sept. 18, 1858. He is the son of Dr. William and Grace (Scott) Woods. After attending the district schools in Pulaski township, he spent two years in Villa Maria, and when his school days were over at thirteen years of age, he began clerking for his uncle, James F. Scott. For the first year he worked as an apprentice, and received no pay, but the second year he had ninety-six dollars as wages, and that increased to one hundred and ninety-two dollars the third and to four hundred dollars the fourth year, and at that time he was considered well-

paid. The next move was to Bradford, McKean Co., Pa., where Mr. Wood went into the oil business, giving his time to that until 1884, when he was recalled to Pulaski township, and has since continued to be a resident of Lawrence County. He worked for his uncle until the death of that person in 1889, when Mr. Wood branched out for himself, and carried on a store until 1893, when he disposed of his interests in the mercantile line to Porter & Terrill. Another employment was the opening of a mineral well in 1891 on the Donaldson farm west of Pulaski, in which he reached the depth of eight hundred feet with his well-boring apparatus. This well he disposed of to J. Renwick Davidson of Connellsville, Pa. Since that time he has been busy settling the estate of his uncle, James F. Scott. Mr. Wood is a stanch Republican, and a thorough man of affairs, well-liked and possessed of a wide acquaintance in social and religious circles. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Wood pledged his faith in wedlock with Fannie Francis, daughter of T. H. Francis of Bradford, Pa. Two winning children are in their home: Grace W., born Feb. 8, 1889, and Kenneth G., born July 8, 1881. Mrs. Wood is a communicant of the M. E. Church.

Dr. William Wood, the father of the subject of this personal history, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and received the rudiments of a common school education; he then read medical books for a year, and entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he graduated. He began to practice in Pulaski, and as the years went by his practice grew to large proportions, and he was thought a very success-

ful physician, competent to deal with any case that came up in a general practice. He never laid down his work, but clung to his profession until his death on July 3, 1863. Dr. Wood was a Whig and afterwards a Republican; his time, however, was never wasted on vain aspirations for public office. The doctor was bound by marriage ties in 1854 to a daughter of James Scott of Pittsburg, and two children were the issue of the union: Margaret, on whom the hands of Death were laid when she was six months old; and James S., whose name is the title of this biography. The family held to the Presbyterian faith. Mrs. Wood was a native of County Down, Ireland, and was called to her last home on Dec. 3, 1884.

Rev. William Wood, grandsire of James S., was of an English family, and was born March 27, 1776. He was a Presbyterian minister, and settled in Mercer County, in what is now Pulaski township, Lawrence Co. He was widely known and respected as a God-fearing servant of the Lord, whose daily life exemplified in the fullest way the teachings of his Master; he was never idle, as he operated a farm, besides preaching the Gospel, and his farm is now the property of John Byler. He was married May 11, 1798, to Margaret Donald, an English lady, who was born Feb. 17, 1781. Their household consisted of these members: John D., born Jan. 28, 1800; Isabella, Feb. 7, 1802; Rebecca, Feb. 15, 1804; Samuel M., July 1, 1806; William, Jr., father of James S., Sept. 20, 1808; Marquis, Dec. 5, 1810; James H., March 28, 1813; Joseph S. and Benjamin, twins, July 3, 1815; Margaretta J., Jan. 15, 1818; Elizabeth M., Nov. 10, 1820; and David E., born Dec. 10, 1823. The worthy parents re-

maintained with their children and reared them to be noble men and women until Mr. Wood's death July 31, 1839, and Mrs. Wood's departure on April 20, 1842, for her home in the far country. Our subject comes from good stock, and may be well proud of tracing his ancestry back into the last century. It is the men of sound principles and high ideas of patriotism, who have made the country what it is, and it rests with the men descended from such to keep our land the home of good citizens.

MILTON I. BUCHANAN is a wealthy farmer of Pulaski, Pa., and owner of the Shenango Valley Stock Farm. He was born in Lawrence County, Nov. 18, 1854. He was a son of John P. and Elizabeth (Irvine) Buchanan, the former of Pulaski, and the latter a native of Mercer Co., Pa.

Robert Buchanan, the grandfather of the present scion of the Buchanan family, was a native of Wilmington, and redeemed a farm from the wilderness of its natural state, and brought it into such excellent condition that it yielded bountifully under his management and labors. The farm not only provided sustenance for the family, and all the necessities and not a few of the luxuries of life, but also produced with so lavish a hand, that Mr. Buchanan was enabled to lay by a comfortable competency for his old age. The wife of Robert Buchanan was Anna Piper, a daughter of John Piper of Mercer County, and she bore two children, of whom Mary A. died at thirty years of age, and John P., born Dec. 18, 1822, who lived to be the father of Milton I. Po-

litically, Mr. Buchanan was a follower of Jefferson and an admirer of Jeffersonian principles. During the War of 1812 he enlisted at Erie, Pa. as a private. He and his family were Presbyterians.

John P. Buchanan, the only son of Robert, went to school in Pulaski township, and in this day of cheap glass, and its wide and extended use, it is quite difficult to imagine the lack of it, but it is a fact that the school which he attended had greased paper for the glazing in the windows. After he left school, he took up the pursuit of agriculture, and prospered as had his father before him. Beside his farm, Mr. Buchanan operated a saw-mill. He was a Democrat, and had his worth recognized by elections to several different offices in the township, but he did not aspire to higher political honors. Mr. Buchanan won the hand of Elizabeth Irvine in marriage; she was born Sept. 13, 1823, a daughter of William Irvine, and their family numbered six, of whom the eldest was Milton I., whose name appears as the title of this personal history. Mary T., the next in order of birth, married Henry Hartman of Neshannock Falls, and has a family of five children—Frank, Vida, Harry, Clarence, and Eva. Emma R. became the wife of William Lostetter of Erie, Pa., and the mother of Edna, Clifford, and Helen. The other three children of the parental family died in infancy. The family were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and regular attendants at the services. Mr. Buchanan was gathered to his fathers in 1888, at the age of sixty-six. Mrs. Buchanan preceded her husband across the River of Death to rejoin the countless throng of those gone on before, dying Aug. 5, 1886.

Milton I. Buchanan, whose ancestral history has just been recorded, was under the tutelage of village school-masters until he was a well-grown youth, and then he went to work in earnest on the homestead, as he was the only son that grew up, and he now has 259 acres of fine, arable land. He not only keeps up the ordinary industries of the farm, but makes a specialty of breeding standard stock, and it is all registered, being of such first-class varieties as Short-horn cattle, Shropshire sheep, and Poland-China hogs. Mr. Buchanan is just the man who has at his tongue's end an inexhaustible fund of information, and he is able to answer any query from general rules down to minute details in regard to the care of stock. He owns the celebrated Scarlet Neck Bull, register number 117645, the dam of which was imported from Scotland.

On December 29, 1880, occurred Mr. Buchanan's union with Hannah F. Cox, daughter of Charles Cox of Wilmington township, Lawrence County, and they have a family of three children, John P., Nellie L., and Robert B. In religious belief they incline to the Presbyterian doctrines, and are members of that church. Mr. Buchanan has held his quota of the township offices and is now school director. He is just attaining middle life, and already he is able to look about on broad acres, well-filled barns, and see on every hand evidences of his prosperity. He can give his children many advantages and assure them a place in the community, where his antecedents are well-known, and where the Buchanan name is highly esteemed. Mr. Buchanan's renown as a skilled agriculturist and stock-breeder is not confined to his immediate neighborhood, but extends throughout Lawrence County.

JAMES P. BROWN, an affluent and influential farmer of Pulaski, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in the above township, June 25, 1826. His father, James Brown, came from Mercer County, and his mother, who was Elizabeth Malone before her marriage, came from the eastern part of the State. The Brown family are Pennsylvanians from away back. John Brown, the grandfather, came from east of the mountains toward the close of the last century, and pre-empted 500 acres of land, which he found as nature left it, a wilderness of forest; in the first year he cleared a part of this tract, and dressed the soil for the reception of the seed for the new crop. Thereafter from year to year he employed his spare time in felling the forest trees, and performing such other labor as was necessary to put his farm in first-class condition. He was a man of some importance in his time, and served in the War of the Revolution, possessing a captain's commission at its close. He became the head of a family, and his wife brought into the world: Joseph; Jehu; James; William; and John. The family held liberal views on religious subjects.

James Brown, the father of James P., the present representative of that name, enlisted in the War of 1812, when his school-days were scarcely over and served until the war was over as a private. When he had received his honorable discharge, he labored for a while in Ohio, and then bought the farm in Pulaski township that is now the property of his son. At that time the land was a part of Mercer County. By thrift and good management, he laid by property, and gave to his surroundings an air of prosperity that led him to be accounted one of the best agricultur-



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ists in the community. He wedded Elizabeth Malone, and their only child was James P., whose name figures as the heading of this article. Politically, our subject's father was a Democrat. He obeyed the summons of death before he reached middle life, at the age of thirty-five, in 1826.

James P. Brown was given an ordinary schooling in the district school, and after serving a full apprenticeship at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, worked at his trade in Ohio, and then came to Lawrence County, where he had considerable employment as a builder; he was considered a skillful workman, and ranked among the best artisans in wood in Western Pennsylvania. He is an uncompromising, loyal Republican, and has been a school director, although he has not aimed at office-holding. In 1851 were celebrated the nuptials of James P. Brown and Lorena W. Corning, daughter of S. L. Corning of Hartford, Conn. She was born in Brookfield, Trumbull Co., Ohio, and has borne Mr. Brown a family of five sons: Carson C.; Frank N.; Wells A.; Dawson A.; and James Alpheus. The eldest son, Carson C., wedded Margaret Judy of Pulaski, and they have two children—J. Burton and Charles A. Frank N., the second son, was a promising young lawyer of New Castle, who died in 1893 at thirty-five years of age, after a successful practice of four years succeeding his admission to the bar. Wells A. married Lottie Browlee of New Bradford, Pa., and they have two children living—Stewart and Ronald. Dawson A. was united in the bonds of matrimony with Daisy Shields of New Bradford. James Alpheus, the youngest son, chose Grace Johns for his wife,

and lives in Pulaski; one son, James Russell, has blessed their marriage.

In religious belief, Mr. Brown holds liberal views, and Mrs. Brown is a member of the Disciples Church of Pulaski. Mr. Brown is one of the foremost farmers of Pulaski township, and has an unlimited amount of farm lore, which is the result of his long experience. He is a good, substantial citizen, interested in the welfare and growth of the county, and merits the recognition that is accorded by the best citizens to his worth.

PROF. WILLIAM PARSONS, the leading music-teacher of New Castle, band and orchestra director, and accomplished cornet player, was born in Cornwall, England, Dec. 11, 1865, and is a son of Jabez and Susanna (Sweet) Parsons, and grandson of Joseph and Rebecca Parsons.

Our subject's father was born in Cornwall, England, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, but later in life also worked at mining. After his son came to America, he became anxious to see this glorious country, and to become a resident of it, and so in 1887 he followed with his family, and has since lived in Hazelton, and Salem, Ohio, and now lives in Ellwood City, where he carries on shoe-making. He is also a skilled teacher of music, and is leader of the Ellwood Band of twenty-four pieces, and of the Wampum Band of twenty-three pieces. Twelve children were born to him and his good wife; of this number two died as infants, those living are: Alice, the wife of Richard Thompson of Yorkshire, England; Prof. William, the subject of this

sketch; Annie, the wife of Asa McDonald of Greenville, Ohio; Bessie, the wife of E. Rummel of New Castle; John, a machinist; Jennie, the wife of R. Raber of Salem, Ohio; and Tillie, Harry, Elena and Arthur, who live at home.

Prof. Parsons in his youth worked at the Pease mines in Yorkshire. When a boy, he exhibited a passionate love for music and a natural musical ability, such that his father, who was confident of the latent skill developing into something far above the average, placed him under the instruction of the best music teachers of the cornet, and the result soon convinced him that his hopes were well-grounded, for William acquired such a knowledge of the instrument and ease in handling it, as to place him in the front rank of performers. At the age of twelve years, he took part in a public contest of seven cornet players at Spinnymore, England, and won the first prize. In 1884 and 1885 he entered six different contests in Yorkshire and Durham, England, and won five out of the six. At this time he also was a member of the Skinniegrove Band, which was the best in Yorkshire. Having an uncle who was living in New Castle, he decided to come to this country and locate in Lawrence County and make the teaching and performing of music his profession, having been instructed by the best teachers of the art. The people in the county in which he lived having received a notification of his intended departure for the new world, with the people of Skinniegrove, Yorkshire, England, presented him with a richly hand-engraved B flat cornet from the workshop of F. Besson & Co., of London, Eng., which took thirty-one medals at the London and Paris Expositions. He also took as a letter of introduction and as a

testimony from Prof. Robert Bell of Skelton, R. S. O., Yorkshire, a graduate M. C. O., the following: "I have the greatest pleasure in testifying to your ability as a first-class musician, and also a performer on the cornet of the first order, and capable to take any orchestra, brass-band, or musical society in hand, and to conduct and teach the same. (Signed) Prof. Robert Bell, M. C. O." Our subject arrived in New Castle in 1886, and soon established himself with a very good patronage, and has not only taught performers on the cornet, but has also given instruction in playing the piano and in other musical instruments. In 1894, he organized and instructed the Elwood City Band. His labors in the advancement of the musical interests of the city, and in furnishing the best of music for various functions have won him the generous support and good will of a large part of the citizens. In 1892, he bought a vacant lot, then covered with timber, at No. 109 Pearson Street, cleared and brought it to grade, and on it erected a beautiful home. He also owns a choice building and lot adjoining his home.

Mr. Parsons is an expert paper hanger and gives considerable time to that business, having decorated many of the walls of the most prominent homes in this section.

Prof. Parsons married Valina Lorena Rummel, daughter of Jacob Rummel of New Castle, and has two children: William Otto, born Dec. 25, 1889; and Florence Adelia, Aug. 6, 1893. Our subject invariably supports the Republican party. He belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, is a member of the K. of P. Lodge, Musical Union of the United States, and is a member and manager of the Mendelssohn Or-

chestra of New Castle, Pa. His orchestra furnished the music for the opening season at Cascade Park, season of 1897. Prof. Parsons filled six seasons as cornet soloist with the famous Toerge Orchestra of Pittsburg, at Bedford Springs, Pa. He has also played with the leading bands and orchestras of this section of the country.

Prof. Parsons is at all times prepared to furnish on short notice bands or orchestra music of the highest order for parties, receptions and other engagements. His portrait, found on a preceding page, is the likeness of a man who has cultivated the musical and ethical side of his nature, and risen to a place of prominence by reason of his superior talents, and the hard work that was necessary to bring them into the perfected state.

JAMES L. WELCH is a flourishing, thriving merchant of Pulaski, Pa. He was born in Coitsville, Ohio, July 18, 1824, and was a son of John and Charity (Lyons) Welch. The father was from Washington Co., Pa., and the mother was a native of Hubbard, Trumbull Co., Ohio, her people coming there from New Jersey. After going to school in Hubbard, Mr. Welch learned the harness-maker's trade, and that included carriage trimming and trunk making; after his apprenticeship was ended he worked on his own responsibility until his health began to fail and he was forced to consider a change. This was in 1859, when with a comparatively small amount of capital he began to deal in merchandise; by judicious buying and attractive display

of his goods he managed to continue in business and to gradually extend his operations, so that now he possesses a fine, large stock of dry goods and groceries. He is a man of business talent, as is evidenced by his rise from humble beginnings, and he has good standing among the business men of Pulaski, where in his dealings he has made a host of acquaintances, and where socially he is a person of importance. Mr. Welch is a Mason and in the line of political offices he has been overseer of the poor and school director.

Mr. Welch was wedded in 1848 to Eliza Johnson, daughter of A. Johnson, and they have three children. Ellis L., the eldest, is in the employ of the Pennsylvania R. R., in the freight depot at Youngstown, Ohio; he married Susie P. Lee of Poland, Mahoning Co., Ohio, and is the father of three daughters—Flora, Grace, and Mabel. Florinda is deceased. John E. married Elizabeth T. Foley of Reynoldsville, Pa., and they have one daughter, Helen M. John clerks in his father's store.

John Welch, father of James L., was educated in the common schools of Trumbull County, O., and learned the shoemaker's trade in Youngstown. He located in Hubbard, Ohio, and spent the rest of his active period there. His wife was Charity Lyons, daughter of Barnabas Lyons, and they were faithful members of the M. E. Church. They had these children: James L.; William; Plympton; Margaret; Bascomb R.; and John W., who died while in the army. The father was called home to his rest in Brookfield, Ohio.

James Welch, the grandfather, for whom the present James Welch was named, was Irish by birth; after his marriage to Margaret Welch he

came to America, and made his home in Washington County, Pa., and later removed to Trumbull Co., now Mahoning Co., Ohio. He was a tailor and worked at that trade for several years until he had saved enough to buy a farm, where he went to spend the rest of his life. He was for that time a man of means. He and his wife were the parents of Samuel, James, Robert, Isabella, Margaret, Lydia, and two children who died in infancy. They were adherents of the M. E. Church. Mr. Welch's life closed in 1833, when he was sixty-eight years old.

James L. Welch has attained his present prosperity in the way open to all by hard work and persevering endeavors, and he is eminently deserving of greater good fortune. We find just such men in the front ranks of every business and among every community, whose success has been independent of another's assistance.

JOHN J. MILLER, now deceased, was for many years a successful traveling salesman, and made his home in Pulaski township, Lawrence County. He was born in Armstrong Co., Pa., Feb. 28, 1840, and was descended from John and Priscilla (Miller) Miller; the father was from Armstrong County, and the mother's home was in Butler County.

John Miller, the father of our subject, had the usual education that boys received in his day, and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked during the years of his activity. He was the father of five children, who grew to adult age: Mary; Catherine; Margaret; William; and John J. The eldest daughter, Mary, became the

wife of James Johnson of Wilmington, Pa., and has borne him Charles, William, John and Anna. Catherine, the second child of John Miller, married Phillip Conrad of Youngstown, Ohio, and these children gathered about their fireside and partook of their affectionate care: William; Walter; Harriet; Catherine; Dorothy; Margaret; and Elizabeth. Margaret, the next child in order of birth, married Mr. France of Ohio, now deceased; their children were—George, Kate, Annie, and Ida. After the death of her first husband, being left with quite a family of children to rear and educate to their proper position in the world, she accepted the hand of John Grey in marriage and went to live with him in Wilmington, Pa. William has a wife and family, and lives in Kansas City, Missouri. Both of our subject's parents are deceased, the mother passing away in 1889. In religious belief they were Lutherans.

John J. Miller had the ordinary school advantages, which he improved to the best of his ability, distinguishing himself then among his schoolmates, as he did afterward among his associates in business, by a fixedness of purpose and general earnest bearing that proved so valuable to him in his business career. He learned the carpenter's trade, and was employed at that trade for a number of years until he secured a position as traveling salesman for a farming implement house. He was a cordial, approachable man, and met customers in a manner that filled his book with orders. His death was caused by an injury inflicted in an accident at Wampum, Pa. He never recovered his former health, and the light of his life, after flickering feebly for many months, went out at last in 1890, and his

spirit was returned to Him that gave it. He had friends by the score, who admired his manly, upright character, and many were the expressions of regret that were uttered when the fatal nature of his injuries became known.

In 1862 Mr. Miller was united in nuptial bonds to Mary J. Dicks of Hickory township, this county, and they had one daughter, who grew to womanhood, and became the loving and trusted wife of Elmer Shields of New Bedford, Pa. Mrs. Miller was called to her last home on Dec. 19, 1863. A second marriage was contracted on Aug. 2, 1864, with Sarah E. Rogers of New Bedford, Pa., born Aug. 12, 1844, a daughter of Thomas Rogers. She bore a son, Carl C., on Oct. 18, 1869; his death occurred July 6, 1895. A daughter, Nina O., was born on April 2, 1877. The family are members of the Disciples Church, and deeply interested in all the good work that is aided by that church, giving liberally of their means for its support.

HENRY KYLE is a retired and worthy citizen of Pulaski, Pa., who has closed a long career of arduous toil, and is now enjoying that calm that comes after the struggle, untroubled by many anxious thoughts of what the future may bring. Youngstown, Ohio, was the scene of his birth on Jan. 10, 1818. His ancestors for many generations back were farmers, and this fact probably accounts for his inherited constitution and virility. His parents were Robert Kyle of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mary (Ballard) Kyle, whose home had been in Virginia.

The paternal grandsire of Mr. Kyle settled on a farm bordering on the Monongahela River in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa. The family were Presbyterians. Mrs. Kyle gave birth to: Samuel; Joshua; Robert; John; Jane (Davis); Hannah; Mary; and Betsey.

Robert Kyle as a school-boy in the forks of Youghiogheny received his training in the schools of that place, and learned the copper-smith's trade. He worked at that trade until he was advanced in years, and then his savings were invested in a farm, where he spent his later days in tilling the soil. The western portion of the city of Youngstown is built on what was Robert Kyle's farm. He laid aside a reasonable competency, and was a good citizen and a Democrat in politics, holding township offices bestowed on him in recognition of his worth. His partner in the conjugal estate was Mary Ballard, a daughter of John Ballard, Sr., and to them were given this large family of children: Sarah (Hogue); John; James; Henry, whose name stands at the head of this sketch; Mary Ann (Van Fleet); Alexander; Thomas; Oliver; Laura; and three that died in infancy. They were loyal members of the Disciples Church.

Henry Kyle went to school in Youngstown, where the school was supported by private subscriptions in default of public institutions. When his school days were over, he worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-two, when he became a stone-mason and labored at that vocation for several years. In 1864 he came to Pulaski, and established a store and tin shop, and dealt in merchandise until 1875. In the interim, he had purchased a farm which is still carried on under his active supervision; he has been living

in retirement since 1887. Politically, Mr. Kyle has been drawn by the tenets of the Prohibition party, and he votes under that standard.

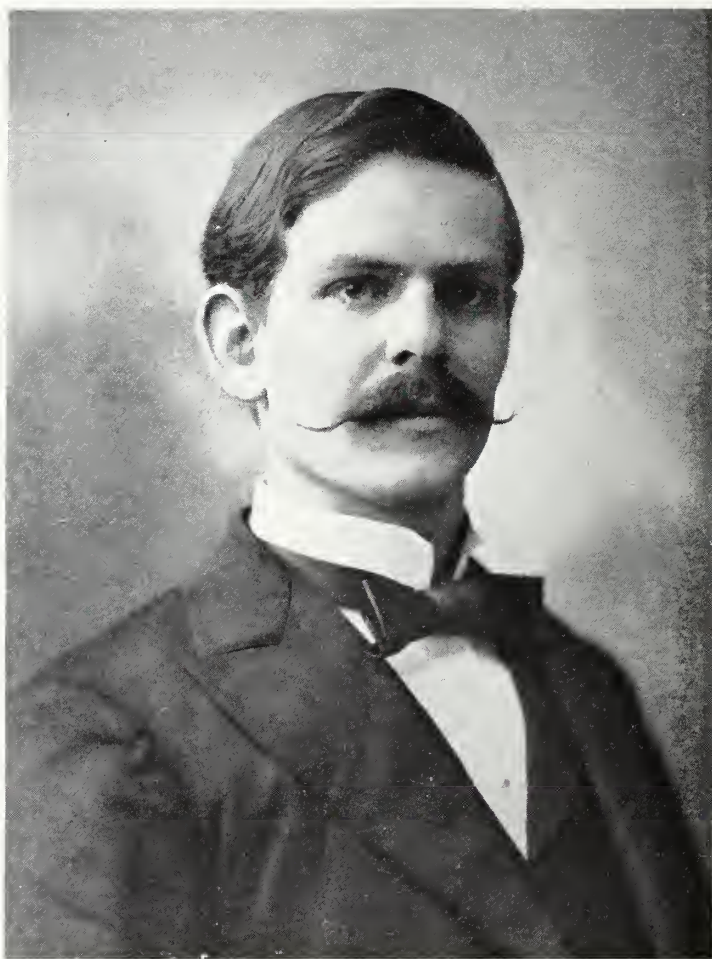
On Feb. 6, 1840, occurred the auspicious event that united the lives of Henry Kyle and Rebecca Van Fleet in marital felicity. She was born in Mercer Co., Pa. The Kyle household did not depart from the precedent of previous generations, and these young people gathered around the family board: Sarah; Almira; Heston; Alice; Samantha; Herman; John, who died aged seventeen months; Maria; Olive; Jesse; Wallace W.

Mr. Kyle's family attend the Disciples Church. Mr. Kyle and his good wife have consented to open their spacious home to a few summer boarders, as they are conveniently located about three minutes walk from the noted Pulaski Spring and the postoffice, and also very near to the churches. Mr. Kyle has a long span of years to look back upon and he sees them well-filled with unremitting toil that has not been without its redeeming features. Now that he and his wife are comfortably settled for their declining years, many friends wish for them and theirs continued peace and contentment.

SAMUEL COVER, who is engaged in carrying on a prosperous business in blacksmithing in New Bedford, Pulaski township, was born in Mahoning township, this county, March 15, 1840, and is a son of Jacob and Lydia (Robb) Cover, both of whom were Ohioans. Our subject learned his trade with his brother in Mt. Jackson, and also in Mahoningtown, Pa. He

worked in New Castle one year, then traveled about over the Western States, working in Cincinnati two years, and in the month of August, 1862, he obeyed the call for men at the front, and enlisted in the service of the Stars and Stripes. He was in the army three years, fighting valiantly when occasion demanded it, and bearing bravely and patiently the hardships of war. On his return from the field of battle, he opened a blacksmith shop in New Bedford, where he has remained and established a good paying business. He is a Republican, and has been a school director and has served on the county committee. He still meets fraternally with his comrades of the late war in a soldiers' club, being a member of Todd Post, G. A. R., Youngstown, Ohio.

His father, Jacob Cover, was a farmer of considerable means, and took an honored position in the various places where he cast his lot. He came to Mahoning township in 1841, where he worked at clearing a farm of 118 acres in his spare time, when not engaged in wresting a living from the soil; he remained on the farm until 1865, when he removed to Poland, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his days. The other estates owned by him in addition to the one in Mahoning township were farms in Pulaski and Slippery Rock townships, one in Missouri, and still another of 175 acres in Douglass Co., Kan. His early political life was cast with the Whig party; his connection with the Republican party dating from 1856, which marks its inception. Much of his wealth was acquired in raising stock, an industry he carried on extensively on all of his farms. His wife, Lydia, was a daughter of Jacob Robb, and she gave birth to the un-



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usually large family of fourteen children, of whom the eldest, John, is demised. Mary, the second child, married J. J. Stoner of Wurtemberg, this county, and they had eight children: Paulina, deceased; Jacob; Alta, deceased; William; Julia; Lizzie; Clara and Lydia. Hannah, the third child, became the wife of William H. Raney of Union township and they have: Lydia, Mary, Wilson, and Nettie. Jeremiah, the next in order of birth, took for his wife and helpmeet Mary Jackson of Mt. Jackson, Pa., and their family consists of Charles, Chester, Belle, Jeal and William. Henry married Esther Ann Shoaff and they had the following children: Edmond K., Sarah, Maud, and Frank. The mother of these children is deceased. Hiram, now deceased, married Elsetta Shoaff of Union township, and their household contained: Bion, Leon, May and Grace. The subject of this biography is seventh in point of seniority. Jacob, the eighth child, lives in Poland, Ohio, and is unmarried. Ephraim is now deceased; William married Emma Hanson of Sharon, Pa. Chester united his life and fortunes with those of Lavina Barkley of Poland, Ohio, and their family is comprised of Harry E., John B., Jessie and George. The family have always been extremely regular in their attendance on divine worship in the M. E. Church. Jacob Cover passed away on Jan. 8, 1882, aged seventy-seven years, and Mrs. Cover survived until May 15, 1891, when she too entered into rest at the age of eighty-five.

In 1873, our subject led to the altar Miss Mary L. Watkins, daughter of John B. Watkins of Warren, Ohio, and they were joined in the indissoluble bonds of marriage. Their union has been made happy by the birth of five children:

Samuel E., who works in the blacksmith shop at the forge with his father—he married Inez Bentley of Mercer Co., Pa.; Edwin C.; Ephraim; Harvey E.; and Lydia R. Following the footsteps of his father, Mr. Cover has brought up his family in the fold of the M. E. Church, and according to its teachings. He is a good citizen, with broad views of the duties of citizenship, well-formed convictions on important subjects, and a deep interest in whatever pertains to the financial, educational, social, moral, or spiritual advancement of the township and county at large.

DR. JOSEPH R. LUTTON of New Castle, Pa., whose portrait we publish on the opposite page, was born in the above town, Oct. 26, 1872, and is a son of Mrs. Emeline (Cline) Lutton, a daughter of Jacob Cline, and a sister of Major Cline. To our subject's mother were born the following children: Charles W., born April 25, 1858; Albert G., Dec. 10, 1859; James H., Feb. 14, 1861; Willard L., July 15, 1863; Agnes J., Dec. 22, 1864; Mary O., July 26, 1866; Laura E., Nov. 5, 1867; Jacob L., Jan. 24, 1870; John K., Jan. 25, 1871; Joseph R., the subject of this sketch; Ada, Jan. 4, 1874; Lemoin, Dec. 10, 1875; Mabel L., Sept. 20, 1876; and Nesbit, Oct. 29, 1879.

Joseph R. Lutton was educated in the High School of New Castle, Pa., and in 1892 took a course in the business college. After the completion of his studies in that institution, he read medicine under the tutelage of Dr. A. M. Cook,

and remained in his preceptor's office until 1894, when he became a student in the University of Georgetown, Washington, D. C., and remained there about one year. He then entered the University of the South, which is located at Sevanee, Tenn., and later on took a course in the Peabody Institute, at Nashville, Tenn., from which he graduated in 1896; he immediately returned to New Castle, Pa., his native town, where he is meeting with excellent success, considering the short time he has been known as a professional man. What with his especially fine education and special aptitude for the healing art, it is predicted by many that he will make his mark, and rise to unqualified success. In expressing his political preferences he is not at all backward, but proudly owns that he is a Republican.

WILLIAM S. LOWRY is a flourishing and prosperous merchant of New Bedford, Pulaski township, where he has built up a lucrative business in his few years of residence and connection with the mercantile interests of that village. He has the welfare and good name of New Bedford much at heart, and few men contribute so much to its general prosperity. His birth occurred in Coitsville, Mahoning Co., O., on July 15, 1847. His parents, Robert and Margaret (Stewart) Lowry, were natives of the same place.

William Lowry, the paternal grandfather of William S., was of Irish birth, and came to this country in the latter part of the last century, settling near Lowellville, Ohio; there he bought

a piece of land that was still in its natural state of wildness, and gradually made it into a valuable farm, and came to be known as a man of means and excellent parts. He selected for his wife Mary Houston of Lancaster Co., Pa. She gave birth to nine children, five of whom are living: Mrs. Amy Cowden; Mrs. Mattie McBride; Mrs. Margaret Cowden; James J., who lives on the homestead in Ohio; and Robert, who became the father of William S.

Robert had an education that might be termed meager and desultory in its character; during his boyhood days, his time was claimed chiefly by farm duties, and as he grew up he naturally followed agricultural pursuits. He located near Coitsville, Ohio, where he owned one hundred acres, by the culture of which he gained an honorable livelihood, and laid by a competency. He was a Democrat until John C. Fremont's candidacy for the Presidency, when he voted for the "Pathfinder of the Rockies," and became an influential member of the Republican party. He held various offices of trust and responsibility; he was justice of the peace twelve consecutive years, and served as county commissioner from 1866 to 1872. On Sept. 22, 1842, occurred his union with Margaret Stewart, whose father was William Stewart of Coitsville. Their household contained four children: Mary J.; William; Theorissa J.; and Sarah E. Mary J. married D. C. McBride of Mahoning township, Lawrence County, and had two sons, one of whom is Robert B., a United Presbyterian minister of Oska-loosa, Iowa, and the other is Charles C. William S., the second child of Robert Lowry, is the subject of this biography. Theorissa J. became the wife of J. W. McNabb, and they had a daugh-

ter, Laka. Mr. McNabb is now deceased. Sarah E. married W. S. Allen, and they live on the old homestead in Ohio with their three sons—George, Leander, and Stewart. Mrs. Robert Lowry died July 1, 1873, and was borne to her last resting-place on earth grieved by many friends. On May 18, 1876, Mr. Lowry contracted a second alliance with Anna Madge of Mercer Co., Pa. He departed to his long home in 1891, at the age of seventy-four. His widow survives him and resides in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Our subject supplemented his district school education by a course in Westminster College of Wilmington township. He engaged in farming, and also ran a threshing-machine for sixteen years. In 1876, he settled in Pulaski township, and bought a farm, which he conducted with great uniformity of success until 1894, when he launched out into mercantile pursuits in New Bedford. He has held minor offices in the gift of his fellow-citizens and allies himself thoroughly with the Republican party, whose principles he warmly supports.

In 1869, he was bound by the ties of wedlock to Mary E. Mars, whose father was J. J. Mars of Pulaski township, and they have two children, of whom the elder, Edwin R., was born Dec. 28, 1870; he attended Grove City College, and also Smith's Commercial School at Meadville, Pa. He is now a clerk in his father's store, and was married Feb. 25, 1897, to Clara McCluskey of New Bedford. The daughter, Nellie, married Prof. A. E. Eckles of Mercer County. The family belongs to the M. E. Church of New Bedford, in which they are active and useful members.

HIRAM V. MERRIMAN, an engineer living at No. 57 Pearson Street, New Castle, and employed at the Rosena Furnace, which is operated by the Oliver Iron & Steel Co. of Pittsburg, was born in Beaver County, near Economy, Aug. 20, 1838, and is a son of Frederick and Margaret (Davis) Merriman. Both of our subject's parents died when he was a boy, the father in 1848, and the mother in the year following at the age of sixty years. Frederick Merriman was an agriculturist of Beaver County, who for a number of years owned and operated a saw-mill at his home. The early death of our subject's parents deprived him of a definite knowledge of even the leading and salient facts of their ancestry, and this poverty of information as to who were his grandparents has been much deplored by him. At the age of thirteen years our subject took up his home with his uncle John Davis in Pittsburg, where he lived three years, attending the public schools of that city. His uncle then removed to New Castle, and he continued his education for three more years in its schools. He then learned how to operate an engine from his uncle, and followed it five or six years. Then for two years he was employed as engineer on the river steamers plying on the rivers, above and below Pittsburg. On his return to New Castle at the end of the two years, and for the succeeding period of twenty-five years, he was employed in the engine-room of the blast furnace and rolling-mill, and is now working at the Rosena Furnace. He is a member of the Association of Stationary Engineers, Lodge No. 18.

Mr. Merriman was married in December, 1858, in New Castle, to Mary E. Stewart, who died

Nov. 4, 1890; she was a daughter of William C. and Elizabeth (Stewart) Stewart. Mr. Merri-
man's marriage was blessed with four children:
William S., an engineer, living next door to his
father; Margaret Elizabeth, who is keeping
house for her father; Kate, the wife of Ed. E.
Marshall, a Croton Avenue business man; and
Harry V., who resides in Pittsburg. Mr. Merri-
man and his family have always been good
church-goers, and have made it a point to sup-
port to the best of their ability the church of
their choice, the M. E. Church. Mr. Merriman
is a Republican in his politics, and uniformly
votes the ticket of that party at all elections.

CHARLES C. ROGERS is the popular and
accommodating agent on the Pennsylvania rail-
road stationed at Pulaski, Pa. His parents were
Pennsylvanians, George W. and Margaret Rog-
ers, and he opened his eyes on life in Pulaski on
Feb. 7, 1863. His father was a native citizen of
Lawrence County, while the mother came from
Westmoreland County. Practically all of our
subject's life has been passed in his native coun-
ty, and his family for many years back has been
in that vicinity, as is shown by the fact that his
grandfather when a lad came with his parents
from Washington to Mercer County, just across
the county line. They settled on land that was
as yet untouched by the hand of man, and after
Nathaniel Rogers, the grandfather of Charles C.,
grew large enough, he helped his father, and
after the latter's death began farming for himself
on the estate that fell to him. Politically he was
a Whig, and then merged his sympathies with

the Republicans. He married Catherine Bosell,
a native of Mercer County, and it was their for-
tune to be the guardians of the happiness and
welfare of nine children: George W., who be-
came the father of Charles C.; Franklin; Jacob;
William; Catherine; Caroline; Mary; Rebecca
J.; and John who died in infancy. The family
adhered to the Presbyterian faith.

George W., the eldest son of Nathaniel Rog-
ers, was born in North Liberty, Pa., June 22,
1831, and was furnished with a common school
education as an equipment for life. He learned
the wagon-maker's trade when a youth of seven-
teen, and this continued through life to be his
only means of securing a livelihood. In 1847 he
came to Pulaski township, where he set up a
wagon-shop, and has maintained it ever since.
Politically he is a strong Republican. In 1852,
Mr. Rogers was bound by marriage ties to Mar-
garet Best, daughter of William Best of Mercer
County, and she became the mother of six chil-
dren. Alva, Mary and Alice are deceased.
Charles C., Frederick, William and the parents
compose the family to-day.

Charles C. Rogers attended the public schools
of Pulaski township, and after proceeding as far
in the path of learning as the limited course of
study would allow, he worked on a farm one
season, and then found a place in the office of
the Pennsylvania R. R., where he could learn
telegraphy. After some time spent in perfecting
himself in the art, he was appointed a special
agent, and was sent out to fill vacancies on short
notice. He has been with the company for a
matter of fifteen years, five of which were spent
in running the office at Clinton, now Hoytdale,
Pa. In 1889 he was advanced to the position he

now holds, that of station-agent at Pulaski, and the intelligent manner in which he has uniformly discharged his duties in the succeeding years has given him a place high in the regard of his employers. He is known along the line as a good operator, pleasant and obliging, and merits the regard that is extended to him. In social circles he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the Wampum Lodge. Mr. Rogers inclines to the Presbyterian Church in religious affairs. In political life, Mr. Rogers holds strongly to the Republican course of action. He has twice been auditor of the township. He is a man who is deservedly popular among his associates and indeed among all his acquaintances, and at all times treats everyone with never-failing courtesy. The merit of his work has secured him his present position, and is the most powerful factor in enabling him to satisfactorily fill it, and hold it down.

HORACE G. MILLER, who has won the highest esteem and regard of his fellow-citizens of New Castle, and performs a leading part in the commercial life of the place, is the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and is also a dealer in cigars and tobacco, with office and store at No. 22 East Washington Street, New Castle. He was born in Perry township, this county, June 9, 1856, and is a son of James R. and Sarah O. (Morton) Miller, grandson of James M. and Hannah (Rose) Miller, and great-grandson of William and Nancy Miller. The great-grandparents of our subject were natives of Scotland, and when they came to America with the children then born to them, they set-

tled in Mercer Co., this State, where William Miller purchased at a nominal sum a level tract of land, which was then an untouched wilderness, and comprised some three hundred acres. Locating near a spring of pure cold water, he commenced his clearing and erected a large and comfortable log-house, in which he ever afterward lived. He was a hard worker, and provided well for his offspring; he was a kind parent and a tender husband, and was well-known for his happy disposition. Most of the farm was cleared during his life-time, and it remained his home till his death at the age of seventy-eight. He served in the War of 1812, was justice of the peace many years, and contributed in other ways to the support of the lawfully vested authorities. His wife lived to be eighty years old. There were born to them the following children: William; Joseph; James M.; Nancy; and Mary; besides several more who did not grow up.

James M. was born on the homestead, which was located near Grove City, Pa., served an apprenticeship in his youth at the carpenter's trade, and worked on the locks during the construction of the old Pennsylvania Canal. He followed his trade until the age of fifty-five, when his wife died aged forty-eight years, and he went to Galva, Ill., where he bought a farm, living there until his death at the age of seventy-six. His first wife, who was a daughter of James Rose, left him seven children, all of whom grew to occupy honorable positions in life; they were: James R.; Martha; Sarah; Lovina; William, now deceased; David M., also deceased; and Ervin. By his second marriage with Miss Kemp, he was presented with three children: Charles; John; and Lamira. He was originally a Democrat, but

in his later years voted the Republican ticket; he belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

At the age of sixteen, James R. Miller left Wilmington College, which he was then attending, to teach school, and besides teaching district school taught two terms of select school at Hopedale, two terms in East New Castle, and was teaching in the Union School at New Castle when the war broke out, and he responded to the call for volunteers. He was one of the first volunteers from his district, and from his influential position, and from his experience in public life, having served in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, he was made sergeant in Co. H of the 12th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., enrolling his name for three months' service. After six weeks in the army, he was taken sick with typhoid fever and cared for in a hotel at York, Pa., as at that time no hospitals had been established. With little hope for his ultimate recovery, because of the serious impairment of his mind, he was removed, when he became convalescent, to New Castle, where his wife's faithful and loving ministry at length restored him to health. Then for a short period he acted as a clerk in a grocery store, and was then appointed as clerk and baggageman for the N. C. & B. Valley R. R., now known as the E. & P. R. R., which position he held ten years, when his health failed him, and he was forced to resign and take means for the recuperation of his strength. Subsequently he became agent for the N. C. & F. R. R., and continued in the road's service five years, when his health again became poor, and he was compelled to retire from active work. He bought the P. K. Sedwick estate of No. 63 Milton Street, and has made it a very pleasant

home for his declining years. Sept. 5, 1855, he married Sarah Olivia Morton, daughter of William and Hannah (Slemmons) Morton. Mr. Morton was a well-to-do and generally popular farmer of Harrisburg township, Pa.; he was a justice of the peace many years, represented the town in the Legislature, and held other offices of responsibility, dying at the age of sixty-seven in 1851. His wife lived to be seventy years old. Their children were: Margaret, the wife of James Wilson; Robert S., a Presbyterian minister; Joseph W., also a Presbyterian divine; Tirza F., the wife of M. Curry, taught for a long time in the High School; William was a farmer; Hannah was a teacher; Mary J. was also a teacher, and married W. D. Butler; Sarah O., the mother of our subject, taught school even after her marriage; Philo S. was a teacher; Samuel was a Presbyterian minister. To the parents of our subject were born the following children: Horace G., the subject of this sketch; Ella K., born April 11, 1858, married I. B. Griffith, a grocer of New Castle, and has two children: Olivia M. and Paul B.; Hannah Rose, born June 15, 1860, married J. G. Nothdurft of New Castle, and has one child, Hiram J.; Mary M., born June 3, 1867, married J. W. Reis, a dry goods merchant of New Castle, and has two children, Lillian M. and Wilbur W.; Harriet Hersey, born June 18, 1870, graduated from the Female Seminary at Washington D. C., in the musical course, and is now employed as an instructor in her special line; William Gray, born Sept. 25, 1873, a graduate of the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, is the resident physician of the Shenango Valley Hospital. Our subject's father is a Republican, and has been auditor and a



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Horace G. Miller, the subject of this brief biography, attended the public school and Johnson Academy, and during his vacation at the age of sixteen years became a messenger boy, and when seventeen years old was appointed the first messenger for the New Castle telegraph office, which was then located in the Leslie House. In 1873, he worked at Lawrence Junction for a short time, and in the same year was appointed agent at New Port, and became manager in 1875 of the Atlantic & Pacific Co.'s telegraph station at Millerstown, Pa. On Oct. 23, 1877, the Western Union Telegraph Company absorbed the various and conflicting lines, and our subject was appointed manager of the office and business at New Castle, Jan. 1, 1878. His service has been uninterrupted from that time to this, and his work in all that time has been generally satisfactory to the officers of the company and the patrons of the office. In 1886, he found an opportunity to enlarge his field of usefulness in the mercantile circles of New Castle, and added to his duties as manager of the W. U. Telegraph office the retail dealing in cigars and tobacco. Also during this time Mr. Miller was interested in the retailing of hard and soft coal, having yards on the east side, where the Gailey Lumber Co. is now located. From 1875 to 1878 he speculated extensively in the oil fields.

Jan. 12, 1882, he was married to Maggie Wallace, daughter of Dr. John W. Wallace, who until his death, which occurred June 24, 1889, was one of the most prominent citizens of Lawrence County. He represented this district in Congress

1862-1864, and 1874-1876. Mr. Miller's present residence is No. 29 North Jefferson Street, the house built and formerly occupied by Dr. John W. Wallace; he built, for the reception of his bride, the first house ever erected on Lincoln Avenue. Our subject has gathered about his fireside four children, as follows: Annie W., born Dec. 15, 1882; Francis M., Jan. 12, 1885; Louise M., Feb. 27, 1889; and Horace G., Jr., Aug. 19, 1894. Mr. Miller is an uncompromising Republican, and has served on the Republican County and State Committees, and is president of the Republican Club. He is well-advanced in Masonic Orders. He is a member and past master of Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter, No. 170, R. A. M.; past high priest of the Lawrence Commandery, No. 62, K. T.; and Mystic Shrine. He is past chancellor commander of the K. of P., New Castle Lodge, No. 404, was its first and is now its master of exchequer. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, O. L. Jackson Camp, No. 249; and Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

JAMES WILLIAM KNOX is an esteemed and honored citizen of Ellwood City, Wayne township, Lawrence County, whose life story reads more like a romance than the prosaic sum of every-day existence. He has no record of his birth, but believes he was born in Allegheny shortly before the Mexican War. His parents were James and Lizzie (Matthews) Knox, and he was named for his father. James Knox, Sr., enlisted, when the Mexican War broke out, to serve under the glorious Stars and Stripes, the

emblem of the United States, and became a member of Col. Black's famous regiment; while serving his country, he bravely met his death in the front ranks of the advance at the Battle of Stone Bridge. The mother also died during the war, leaving James W., Joseph, and a daughter. The children were separated, the little girl died in childhood, and James and Joseph did not meet for many years. James grew to manhood and knew nothing of his parentage until he ran across his father's brother, a hat manufacturer in Pittsburg, who gave him the family history as fully as he could.

When the home was broken up after his mother's death, James became an inmate of the Allegheny County Home, and there attracted the notice of John H. Wilson of Franklin township, Beaver Co., Pa., who owned a large farm of five hundred acres, and was one of the most well-to-do farmers in his county. Mr. Wilson was a generous, warm-hearted man, fond of children, and liked to have them about him. He had children of his own, but opened his heart and his home to the friendless little lad, and James Knox was as a son of the family for twenty-six years. Mr. Knox received from the hands of his benefactor and wife the nucleus of his property. They were good guardians and faithful friends, and their portraits hang on the wall of his home to-day among the most treasured objects of his care; but there is another more substantial proof of his gratitude in the persons of three sons and a daughter who were left orphans like himself, whom he has taken into his care and keeping, as none came to bless his home and bear his name. He has returned measure for measure, providing for each daily

want, educating them, and providing them with a suitable start in life. Surely, he could find no more fitting way in which to express his appreciation of the kindness shown him when he was in need of it.

Mr. Knox's first employment after he left the farm of his foster-father to earn his own living, was to run an engine in Pierce's Mill on Pine Creek, Allegheny County. Then in 1862, responding to the call for more men at the front, he enlisted in Co. F, 140th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served through the two dreadful years that followed. His brother, Joseph, also served in the Union Army, and after his second enlistment received a wound, from which he never fully recovered, and which was the cause of his death in 1869. Our subject was wounded at the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House, and bears the mark of battle on his person in the shape of a maimed hand. The father and two sons on the field for the honor of their country and the preservation of the National Union, what a noble record it is! The young men of the present day will not fall very far short of their duties as citizens, if they but emulate such worthy examples.

In 1875, Mr. Knox went on a prospecting tour through several of the Western States, stopping for a considerable period in Missouri and Washington Territory. His active mind caught at the chance of making money by dealing in hogs, and he added materially to his bank account by his gains in that line of business. In 1877, he bought fifty-five acres, then known as the Cunningham place, in Wayne township, this county, and in 1884 added to this tract twenty acres more, known as the McGregory place,

showing sagacity in the investment, and becoming the owner of a snug property. Business men on the alert to establish a town saw a favorable location in Mr. Knox's farm, and, after conveying to him a due consideration, the land was surveyed and laid out in town lots, Tinsplate, Franklin Forge and Ellwood City and the Glass Works then appearing for the first time on the map of Lawrence County. Mr. Knox became impressed with the wisdom of the corporation that was occupied in furthering the growth of Ellwood City, so as a speculation he bought quite a number of lots, which he still retains. In 1892, he built the fine residence on the corner of Ninth Street and Crescent Avenue, which affords him a home that is complete and finished in regard to all of its arrangements. Mr. Knox took an active interest in the growth of the fast-developing town, and supervised the grading of the streets, and also a considerable part of the work that was done to provide facilities for the draining-off and the disposal of the sewage. Mr. Knox controls important interests in the Gas Company. He is very popular among his townsmen, and has been honored by being elected school director.

In 1879 our subject was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Mary Catherine Rouser, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gillespie) Rouser. She was the youngest of her parents' five children: Minerva Jane, deceased; James Milton; Thomas Jefferson; Joseph Preston; and Mary Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Knox are members of their chosen church home, the Presbyterian. Mr. Knox is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and also a member of Eden Park Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F.

As a man of unimpeached honor and good name, who has made his own way through life and attained success in his endeavors, Mr. Knox has made his name respected in his community. He is a man of sterling integrity and good principles, whose friendship is a precious boon, whether the recipients are young or old. It becomes our pleasant duty to round out this personal history and bring it to a satisfactory close by announcing that on a foregoing page appears an excellent likeness of Mr. Knox, as a gentleman who represents the class of men who have been exceedingly fortunate and successful in life. As a companion picture, we also publish the portrait of Mrs. Knox.

JAMES R. MILLER, a retired citizen of New Castle, Pa., is a man whose name will not be soon forgotten because of his active connection with the educational development of the town, having been for many years a teacher in the district schools, and a principal of the old Union School. Many men prominent in the county received precious lessons from him in their youth, and no doubt owe much of their present prestige to the beneficent influence he exerted upon them. He was born in New Castle, Sept. 25, 1832, and was the eldest son and child of James M. and Hannah (Rose) Miller, and grandson of William and Nancy Miller. Our subject's grandparents were both born in Scotland, where William Miller started out in the battle of life as a farmer. With the children, who were then born to them, they came to the new and glorious country of America, as it seemed to the Old

World resident, and settled in Mercer Co., Pa., where William Miller for a nominal sum bought a level tract of wilderness, comprising in the neighborhood some three hundred acres. Finding a spring with a plentiful supply of clear cold water, he commenced his clearing there, and near by erected his log-house of a very comfortable size, in which he ever afterward lived. He was a very hard worker, but found time to lavish a wealth of affection on his beloved wife, and their sturdy children, for he possessed a happy, loving nature, and his lavish generosity was well-known among his neighbors, and was often the subject of comment. He cleared most of the farm, and took a prominent place in the community as a progressive and wide-awake man; the farm remained his home till released from earthly toil and trouble, being seventy-eight years old at his decease. He served in the War of 1812, was justice of the peace many years and contributed in other ways to the stability and prosperity of the government. His wife passed away at the age of eighty. Their children were: William; Joseph; James M.; Nancy; and Mary. Several more children were born to them, but they died young.

James M. was born on the homestead, which was located near Grove City, Pa., and served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and worked on the locks during the construction of the old Pennsylvania Canal. He followed his trade until the age of fifty-five, when, losing his wife who was aged forty-eight years, he went to Galva, Ill., and bought a farm, living there until his death at the age of seventy-six. His first wife, who was a daughter of James Rose, left him seven children, all of whom grew to

occupy honorable positions in life; they were: James R.; Martha; William, twin of Martha, deceased; David M., also deceased; Irwin; Sarah; Lavinia. By his second marriage with Miss Kemp he had three children: Charles; John; Lamira. He was originally a Democrat, but in later years voted the Republican ticket; he belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

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appointed as clerk and baggageman for the N. C. & B. Valley R. R, now known as the E. & P. R. R., which position he held ten years, when his health forced him to resign and to seek rest for a season. Subsequently he became agent for the N. C. & F. R. R., and continued in that service five years, when his health again became poor, and he was compelled to relinquish the position. He has since lived a quiet, retired life. For a home he bought the P. K. Sedwick estate at No. 63 Milton Avenue, and has made it a very pleasant place of residence.

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WILLIS J. MCKINLEY, a conductor on the Pennsylvania R. R., residing at No. 351 West Washington Street, New Castle, was born near that city, May 1, 1853, and is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Morehead) McKinley, the latter a daughter of James Morehead. Alexander McKinley, a native of Mt. Jackson, Beaver Co., Pa., was born March 22, 1822, and died June 14, 1896, at the home of his son, Willis J. McKinley, after suffering ten years as an invalid from a stroke of paralysis. During the active years of his life he followed the shoemaker's trade, working at various times at Moravia and at Struthers, Ohio; but the greater part of his life was spent in his native borough. He was a Republican in his political views, and during the war served in the Union Army for a short term of service.

His father, James McKinley, was born to the eastward of the mountains, and immigrated to Beaver County very early in the century with a large family of brothers and sisters, some eight or ten in all, part of whom remained in Pennsylvania, and part of whom moved farther west to the region of Stark County, in which county is situated Canton, the home of President William McKinley. Of his first marriage three children were born: George H., whose life may be sketched on another page; Willis J., our subject; and Elizabeth, now living in New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Pa. His second marriage with Elizabeth Honston resulted in three more children: John C. of New Brighton, Pa.; Hugh of Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio; and Margaret, the wife of C. C. Kelso of Turtle Creek, Pa. No children were born of his third marriage.

Willis J. McKinley was reared in Lawrence County, attending the public schools till he reached the age of fifteen years. At the age of three years he was left without a mother's tender care by her untimely decease, and when he was six or seven years of age, his father gave up housekeeping, and Willis from that time made his own way. He lived and labored on the farm until his nineteenth year, when he secured a position in a rolling mill, where he worked for one year. Immediately after this, in the spring of 1872, he became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, and for seven years was employed in that highly dangerous occupation, and was then given a freight train, which he held four years, being then promoted to the more important position of passenger conductor in 1883, and has filled that position with credit and with a large degree of efficiency ever since.

During the years from 1873 to 1880 Mr. McKinley was located in Youngstown, Ohio, at which place he was married Dec. 12, 1875, to Miss Sarah McDonald, a daughter of David McDonald. In his wedded life, Mr. McKinley has gathered about him six children, who are as follows: Edward; Clara; George, deceased; Roy, deceased; Bessie; and Howard, deceased. Our subject and his very popular wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. McKinley is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, New Castle Division, No. 326. In his politics, he is liberal, with marked leanings toward the old Jeffersonian Democracy.

MRS. MARY M. BLIM, widow of the late John S. Blim, who was one of the largest contractors and builders of New Castle, is a daughter of Edward and Emeline (Russell) Lawrence, being christened Mary M. Her father served in the federal ranks in the late rebellion, and died at the age of sixty-seven. His wife is still living at Croton, Pa., aged seventy-one years. Their children were: John; Mary M., our subject; Harry; Albert; and Laura.

John S. Blim was born in Columbiana Co., Ohio, Jan. 4, 1845, and was a son of Jacob and Susan (Stiver) Blim, who were leading farmers of Columbiana County. Jacob Blim served in the Civil War in Co. A, 125th Reg. O. V. I., and died at Jeffersonville, (Ind.) Hospital, October, 1864; his father served in the Napoleonic War.

Our subject's husband learned the stonemason's trade, and came to New Castle where,



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with Robert Allen, he engaged in contracting and building, and later was associated with James A. Carpenter. From the time he first came to New Castle in 1872, until his death he remained a resident of his adopted home; he built a home on Walnut Street, where his widow now resides. He was widely known as a skilful workman, and as schooled in all the details of the contractor's business; among the number of public buildings, which show off his work to the best advantage, are the Y. M. C. A. Building, Hiram, Ohio; the Hospital; First Presbyterian Church on Jefferson Street; Presbyterian Church on Pittsburg Avenue; the West Side School; the Oak Street School, and was building the Highland Avenue School when he was instantly killed by a fall of the derrick, March 27, 1896. He was a member of the United Workmen, and of the G. A. R. Post. He enlisted in the cause of the Union Aug. 22, 1862, at Greenford, Mahoning Co., Pa., a volunteer in Co. A, 125th Reg. O. V. I., First Brigade, First Division of the Fourth Army Corps, and participated in the battle of Chickamauga, and was present at all the engagements of the Atlantic campaign from Pine Mountain to Lovejoy Station and at Franklin and Nashville. On Sept. 19, 1862, at Chickamauga, Mr. Blim received a gunshot wound in the left shoulder, and was sent to receive surgical aid at the Nashville Hospital, and thence to Covington, Ky., where he remained under treatment seven months, and then was furloughed in February, 1864. After twenty days he rejoined his company at Pine Mountain, Ga., June 5, 1864, and was on detailed duty for a short time at Camp Nelson as prison guard, and was finally discharged at the expira-

tion of his term of service June 5, 1865. At his death, he was a member of Encampment No. 9, U. V. L., and was a member of the relief committee. On April 1, 1873, he was married to our subject, and to them were born three children, as follows: Wellington, born Feb. 12, 1874, has succeeded his father in the firm of Blim & Carpenter, builders and contractors; Lauretta, born Oct. 31, 1879, lives with her mother; John G., was born Feb. 22, 1890. Mr. Blim's influence was at all times cast in what he considered the best interests of the community. His well-deserved success in life was what might have been expected from a man who combined an unusual amount of energy with a certain amount of conservativeness, that never led him to indulge in excesses or in untried projects. He was a hard worker in legitimate channels, and deserved, if ever man did, the high respect which was almost universally accorded to him.

ANDREW C. COLE. It is a pleasant thing to be able to trace one's family record through long years of change and struggle, and it is doubly pleasant when this record presents the lives of honest men and good women. Some of the old families of Pennsylvania go back easily to events in the middle of the last century, thus connecting the past with the present, and making our Republic seem young indeed when compared with the Old World governments that have existed for centuries. One of the oldest families in Lawrence County, whose history is closely interwoven with the history of the coun-

ty, is the Cole family, and among its more prominent members is the subject of this sketch, Andrew C. Cole, who is one of the leading business men and citizens of Ellwod City.

Living in easy circumstances, surrounded by a bright and popular family, Mr. Cole has reached the point when he can take life as it comes, without a thought of the morrow's toil. Mrs. Cole is qualified in every respect to be the head of a household, for besides being versed in the womanly arts pertaining to housekeeping, she has evinced some literary taste; she has been an interesting contributor to newspapers, her writing showing a refined and discriminating touch. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have a promising family, the members of which are reflecting honor on their parents and credit on their bringing-up. William Hamilton Cole, born June 4, 1863, is a resident of Hazel Dell; he married Theresa Tillia, and they have three children: Clara E., John H., and Frank. John Witherow, who was born Dec. 18, 1865, lived through a pleasant youth to pass away from life's scenes, Dec. 9, 1885. Frank Edward, who was born March 18, 1868, has followed agricultural pursuits, and is living on the home farm; he married Estella Parker, and they have a son, Andrew J. Twins came to the home Nov. 12, 1870, they were girls and were named Lizzie Suella and Jennie Izora; the former became the wife of Harry McGowan, and went to live in Carnegie, Pa., where she has had one child, Harrison K.; the latter married William Buguo of Hazel Dell, and they have two daughters, Eleanor and Catherine E. Thomas James was born April 9, 1873, and married Elizabeth J. Hamilton. Karl Hayes was born Nov. 15, 1875, and passed over the river of death Aug. 24, 1896.

A. Thurman and Kittie Marie were born Jan. 29, 1879, and Nov. 16, 1881, respectively.

On April 1, 1893, the firm of Cole Brothers, which comprised the three younger sons of our subject, Thomas, Karl, and Thurman, went into mercantile business at Hazel Dell; being men of pleasing address and excellent business methods, they soon built up a lucrative trade. Their family standing and connections stood them in good stead; but nothing could ward off danger and loss incurred, when fire threatened to sweep the village out of existence. Deciding to change their location, the brothers removed to Ellwood City, took possession of the store in the C. F. Eldridge Block, and again embarked in the world of trade, confining their efforts to dealing in groceries and provisions. By attending strictly to business and being straightforward and trustworthy in every respect, the Cole firm has made an enviable reputation, and established a paying business.

In regard to Mr. Cole's personal history, he was born April 26, 1840. There is an odd coincidence of little moment, yet interesting of itself, in the fact that Mr. Cole's earlier life was spent in the same manner as was his father's before him; each was the youngest son, and each fulfilled the duty that devolved upon him to stay at home and care for his parents in their declining years. To carry the similarity to completion, each one inherited the homestead, and made it a happy, busy home. Year after year the sowing and reaping have gone on, and harvest succeeding harvest has rewarded the toil of the workers. The place has been gradually improved and has lost none of its virgin fertility,

so that aside from keeping the land in the possession of the family, Mr. Cole has the further incentive of deriving a goodly revenue from it. Our subject was postmaster at Hazel Dell, being the immediate successor of his father-in-law, John H. Marshall. That Mr. Cole was popular and efficient in that position goes almost without saying, for at the end of nine years service, only a slight change was made; the commission bore the name of Mrs. Cole, and the office still continued in their care for five more years. That, however, is only one instance of the esteem cherished for the Coles; many others might be mentioned, showing fully as well their position.

As he has been otherwise occupied, Mr. Cole saw fit to place his son, Frank Edward, in charge of the homestead, while he, himself, devoted his time and attention to other matters. Our subject is a man of strong constitution, who has seen good, hard work in his day, and is now enjoying the fruits thereof. His life has been too busy to allow him to be a rolling stone, nor in our subject's prosperity is there cause for regretting his quiet life.

In his life as a citizen, Mr. Cole has followed the teachings of the Republican party, not only because that party was in power for years, but because his intellectual perceptions told him that those principles were logical and true. He has been active in educational affairs, always displaying a laudable zeal to make the public school what it ought to be.

Andrew C. Cole was united in marriage to Mary E. Marshall on July 24, 1862. Mrs. Cole's parents, John H. and Susan S. (Marshall) Marshall, were natives of Washington Co., Pa. They

settled in Lawrence County, and soon became well liked there; for some time they kept a hotel at Bridgewater, removing thence to Hazel Dell, where Mr. Marshall had the distinction of being the first postmaster in 1872. He lived to number seventy-seven years, while his wife attained the age of sixty-nine. Their children grew to be sober, industrious citizens of the kind highly prized in every community; their names were: Marguerite; Thomas J.; Rebecca J.; Mary E.; William B.; Enoch H.; Deomides; Izora; Lovega; John F.; and Florence.

Andrew C. Cole was a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Smith) Cole, the former a native of Wayne township, Lawrence Co., Pa.; and the latter of East Liverpool, Ohio. They were quiet, farming people, little inclined to leave home, and spent the greater part of their lives on the Cole homestead. Years were marked by events of especial interest, the birth of the children. Mary J. was born Dec. 15, 1823; Elizabeth, Sept. 25, 1830; John S., Oct. 5, 1833; Daniel, May 8, 1836; Charlotte, Dec. 11, 1838; Andrew C., the subject of this sketch, April 26, 1840; and Margaret J., April 23, 1843. The grandparents of our subject were Isaac and Elizabeth (Depew) Cole. They were pioneers of the early day, settling in Lawrence County when it was a wilderness that gave no evidence of ever having been trodden by the foot of man before their appearance. Their efforts were not destined to go unrewarded, and their 150 acres proved to be very desirable land, when cleared. Various improvements were made by each succeeding owner, and the present proprietor saw a chance to dispose of a portion of it at a good return, so he laid out thirty acres in building lots, thus making an ad-

dition to Hazel Dell. The farm-house dates from 1879, and the barn was built in 1889. Isaac Cole was born Dec. 5, 1776, and his marriage occurred Nov. 13, 1793. His wife succumbed to the fatal inroads of disease and died Feb. 10, 1803, when thirty-one years of age, leaving three children motherless, as follows: Andrew, who was born Feb. 2, 1795; Daniel, June 30, 1797; and Abraham, May 1, 1800. The father did as well as he knew how in bringing up his children, and in providing them with a Christian home. On March 22, 1808, he re-married, his second wife being Jane Lytle. Isaac Cole was finally laid to rest after a long and singularly useful life, Feb. 27, 1857.

There is one more point in connection with the family history of the Coles that needs to be brought out: Isaac Cole, the grandfather of our subject, was a Presbyterian elder, and so faithfully did he admonish and train his children that they followed closely in his footsteps, and in turn led their children to believe and practice the rules of life, as laid down by the Presbyterian Church; not that the sect makes the difference, but the Christian life, one generation after another, shows what nobility may be in plain, every-day lives. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have many friends to hope that happiness and peace may crown their days, and that prosperity may continue to attend them. In this connection it is but appropriate, since our subject and his excellent wife have such a wide acquaintance, that their portraits appear in conjunction with this sketch, and it is a pleasure to us to announce that very good likenesses from photographs recently taken may be found on a page in proximity.

GEORGE HARVEY WILSON. As a representative of the agricultural class, and as one who has met with more than ordinary success in the prosecution of his independent calling, we take pleasure in mentioning the name of the gentleman whose biography we write. He is pleasantly located on his fine and productive farm in Wayne township, where he is engaged in general agricultural operations, and in raising some of the best-appearing horses in the county. The father of our subject was John I. and the mother Elizabeth (Munnell) Wilson, his grandparents were James and Eletha (Patterson) Wilson, and his great-grandfather was David Wilson. The latter was a man of Scottish birth, who settled near Baltimore, Md., and later on removed to Allegheny Co., Pa., where his life closed. James Wilson, his son, moved from Allegheny County to Lawrence County about 1797, and bought a two hundred acre tract from Mr. Holstein, who had made a settlement in Wayne township. Mr. Wilson worked at clearing this property and in making it ready for the bountiful harvests it was made to produce. He was a miller by trade. He came to his death by accident, for a tree fell on him when he was at work in the clearing; he was the first man buried in Slippery Rock Cemetery.

John I. Wilson, our subject's father, was born on the farm in February, 1803, and as he grew to manhood he was able to repay his mother for her years of labor and self-sacrifice in caring for him after his father's decease by giving her the best of care in her declining years, providing all the comforts of home for her until her death in 1835. He inherited the homestead, and when still a young man evinced a desire to speculate in real estate, and continually bought and sold

land. In connection with his career as a dealer in landed property, he had the unique record of having lived in thirty-five different houses in his life, and during all that period never lived more than a mile from his birth-place. He was a man of sound sense and good judgment, and was often called upon for advice and counsel. At his death in 1885, Mr. Wilson had accumulated considerable property, and was a very large land-owner. Mrs. Wilson, who was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Munnell, died in 1895 at the advanced age of eighty-three years. The Wilsons were devout Presbyterians, and brought up their children in that faith. The household was constituted as follows: Sarah; Jane; Elizabeth; James; Eli; William A.; Ella A.; an infant son, deceased; John P.; Johnson A.; David W.; Louisa J.; Cecelia E.; Hiram A. and Harriet S., twins; and George Harvey.

The subject of this writing grew to man's estate in Wayne township, and made his first purchase of land when he bought his father's homestead of eighty-three acres, which was slightly improved. By the use of brawn and brains and by the sweat of his brow he placed his farm among the finest in the county, and it is now second to none. Besides keeping a small choice dairy, Mr. Wilson has raised some standard Percheron horses, and to-day Mr. Wilson holds the reins over the best team in the county. He has remodeled his buildings, and, in addition to carrying on general farming as a main pursuit, has been associated with L. L. and I. J. Wilson, under the firm name of Wilson Bros. & Co., in operating the Duck Run Quarry, and also the quarry at Rock Point in Beaver County. Latterly he has superintended a stone quarry for Wil-

son Bros., and to this work he devotes a large portion of his time.

Mr. Wilson took for his wife Amelia Palen, whose father was August Palen of Wayne township, and they have rejoiced over the births of four children, as follows: Harry, born Nov. 5, 1882; Charles E., April 11, 1884; Herman L., Oct. 20, 1886; and Frank I., Oct. 14, 1888. Mr. Wilson affiliates with the Republican party, and is now township clerk. In matters of religious interest, the members of the family are Presbyterians. Mr. Wilson can take a just pride in the consciousness of having contributed his full share toward the development of his county and township. He is an intelligent man, well read and well informed, and takes a keen interest in local and general matters.

SYLVESTER M. YOUNG, now retired from active business life, who was for many years a member of the firm of S. M. Young & Son, proprietors of one of the oldest, most reliable, and best-known grocery stores in the city of New Castle, Pa., was born in West Liberty, Butler Co., Pa., March 24, 1832, and is a son of Matthew and Joanna (Coover) Young, and grandson of Matthew Young, Sr., who was born in Ireland, and coming to America when a young man met and married a Miss Wilkinson of Pittsburgh, who was of Scotch-Irish descent. They bought a farm, then in the wilderness and untouched by the hand of civilized man, situated in Slippery Rock township, Lawrence Co., where they built a log-house, and started in to grow up with the country and wrest a livelihood from

the virgin soil. Our subject's grandfather cleared a farm of about 200 acres, which is now owned by his grandson Samuel. Later in life, when success in his agricultural pursuits had beamed upon him, he built a frame dwelling, and was known as a progressive, wide-awake man, who could be depended upon to keep abreast of the times. Fourteen children were born to him.

His son Matthew, our subject's father, was born on the homestead, which was then in Beaver County, now a part of Lawrence County, and learned the harness-maker's, the shoemaker's, and the tanner's trades. He bought a farm in Slippery Rock township, and at first building a log-cabin, as soon as he was able he erected a fine set of frame buildings and a tannery, and carried on tanning, harness-, saddle-, and shoemaking. He died in his forty-eighth year from an acute attack of cholera morbus. His wife passed away in her eighty-second year; she was a daughter of Col. John Coovertt, who was a colonel of state militia, and served in the War of 1812; Col. Coovertt was tanner and harness- and shoemaker by trade. The union of our subject's parents was blessed with the following children: Sylvester M.; Caroline; Matilda; Amanda; Sarah Jane; Samantha; Marcus; and William H. Our subject's father, while a Whig, had strong anti-slavery sympathies, and actively identified himself with the Abolitionists, doing valuable service as an agent of the Underground Railroad in rescuing many a poor black slave from bondage and from the lash. In his religious views he was a Presbyterian.

Sylvester M. Young had very little chance to attend school when he was a boy, for it was four miles to the school-house, and when he became

old enough to go that far he was needed at home on the farm, clearing and improving the land. When he arrived at manhood he studied and educated himself, supplementing his district school education, and at the age of twenty-two years came to New Castle and clerked eight years for Coffin & Phillips in their grocery store. In 1862 in company with T. B. Bitner, under the firm name of Young & Bitner, he bought out the grocery of George V. Boyles, located near where Brown & Hamilton have their store at the time of this writing. He continued in such lines until his health showed signs of failing, because of the confining nature of his work, and he was obliged to seek rest and a change of employment. He then represented a Philadelphia wholesale house as its traveling agent for quite a length of time. He next started in business alone where R. Knox is located now, and remained there until 1894, when he moved into the Woods Block. In 1875, our subject's son, Beriah U., became associated with our subject, under the firm name of S. M. Young & Co., and for many years in connection with a general grocery business they did a large business in dealing in produce, shipping apples, potatoes and other garden and farm produce to Boston and Philadelphia; they were also the largest wool dealers in the county. In 1890, Mr. Young's son, John, bought out his brother Beriah U., and the firm as then constituted easily took the lead in their special line of commercial activity. In 1897, Mr. Young, because of business depression, retired from business, making an assignment of his interests to his sons, B. U. Young & Co., who still carry on the business, and keep up the reputation of the firm for superior goods,



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and careful consideration of the wants of the customer. In 1875, Mr. Young built a comfortable and well-appointed home on Butler Avenue, where he has lived since.

Our subject married Miss Martha J. Scott, daughter of John Scott, and has eight children, all of whom are living and occupying good business positions. They are as follows: Beriah U.; Margaret J.; William, an attorney of Kansas City, Mo.; Sylvester W., a Presbyterian minister of Ellsworth, Ohio; Edith E., who married Prof. A. B. Morton of Ingraham, Pa.; John S., junior member of the firm S. M. Young & Son; Lewis M., connected with a commercial supply house of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Harry, a clerk in the firm's store. Mr. Young is an uncompromising Republican, and has served seven years in the city council. As to his church membership, he is a prominent figure in the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Royal Templars, Protected Home Circle, and of the I. O. O. F., and has held office in all of these societies.

ELISHA ELBRIDGE CASWELL, the subject of this biography, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is a brick and stone contractor of New Castle, where he has made his home for the past thirty years, and where for over twenty years he has been identified with the building trades and industries. He was born in Richmond, Va., July 2, 1850, and is a son of Elisha and Anne (Moss) Caswell.

Our subject's mother was a daughter of George and Bessie Moss. George Moss brought his family, in which was his daughter Annie, to

this country from Staffordshire, England, and after his arrival in the United States first worked at Haverstraw, N. Y., but went from there before the war to Richmond, Va., where commencing as a heater and roller in an iron furnace he rose by industry and superior ability to the position of superintendent of the iron works, and became a man of means. He lived to a good old age, and died in the South. Our subject's father was born in the State of Massachusetts, where for a number of years in his youth he worked as a bookkeeper. He afterwards learned the trade of a nail-maker, and became foreman in the Dago's Nail Works at Belle Isle, Richmond, Va. He built a mill at Manakin, Va., which he lost by fire with the savings of many years. He returned to Belle Isle after this financial reverse, and departed this life there in 1852.

Elisha E. Caswell was reared in the city of Richmond, Va., and secured an education in the private schools of that place, attending whenever opportunity offered. At the age of nine years he began work in the nail mill, and for four years was thus employed, and also selling papers in the Confederate Army. In 1863, he made his way from the rebel capital to Baltimore Md., and thence to Wilmington, Del., where he worked for three years. In the spring of 1867, he came to New Castle, where he worked in the nail mill until 1870, in which year he started to learn the trade of a brick and stone mason. Within a few years, with the enterprise and independence so characteristic of him, he worked as a journeyman and began contracting for himself, in which he has met with the most unqualified success. Many fine buildings and handsome structures in New Castle and the vi-

cinity testify to his skill, taste and careful workmanship. This brief epitome of Mr. Caswell's life brings out the manly qualities of self-reliance and perseverance, that have enabled him to accomplish what he has; his life has been a steady advance from the age of nine years when he set out to support himself till the present time, when he occupies a recognized place in the community as one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Caswell was married Nov. 6, 1873, to Emma A. Fisher, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Cummings) Fisher, the latter a daughter of James and Sarah (Burge) Cummings. Henry Fisher, a brick contractor of New Castle, was a son of Solomon and Polly (Stickle) Fisher, and grandson of George and Catherine (Haager) Fisher; the father of George Fisher was a native of Saxony, Germany. To Mr. Caswell and his wife had been given four children, as follows: Henry Guy; Bertha Althea; Emma Belle; and Annie Ellen. Mrs. Caswell died April 23, 1897. Mr. Caswell is a member in good standing of the Disciples Church. In his political beliefs, he sides with the Republican party. Mr. Caswell is a friend of organized labor, and is a member of the Bricklayers' International Union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caswell were members of the Protected Home Circle, New Castle Lodge, No. 6. He has a pleasant home on Spruce Street, where the family dispense their every-ready hospitality with lavish hand.

On the outbreak of the Civil War, a brother of Mr. Caswell, who was at work in the Treadgear Iron Works at Richmond, was conscripted and forced to serve in the militia company, formed of the operatives of the works. At the first opportunity he deserted, and came to the North.

ROBERT PAISLEY ROBINSON, a leading citizen of New Castle, was born in Union township, Lawrence Co., July 5, 1832, and is a son of George and Jane (Paisley) Robinson, and grandson of George Robinson, Sr. The latter was a shoemaker by trade, and plied that trade in his younger days, but followed agricultural pursuits the greater portion of his life. Our subject's mother was born in Lancaster County, and was a daughter of Robert Paisley, also a native of Lancaster County, and of Scotch-Irish descent. After coming to Lawrence County he bought a farm, and interested himself in agricultural labors to good advantage, providing liberally in this way for his children, and being widely respected as a representative farmer. In his politics, he was a Democrat of the old school. In the Seceder Church, of which he was a devoted and faithful member, he held the office of elder.

Our subject's father was a citizen of Union township at the time of his marriage. When his parents came to Lawrence County, the country was still in its first stage of development; his mother's family crossed the mountains in what was known farther west at a later date as a prairie schooner, the members of the family walking the most of the time, as that was much less tiresome than riding in the rude conveyance, which was not provided with springs as are the wagons of to-day. When they came to the present site of New Castle, they found a clearing of no very great extent in the woods which covered mountains and valleys, and in the clearing there were less than a dozen houses, mostly built of logs. George Robinson was a carpenter by trade, and worked at it in New Castle and in the

territory contiguous. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Seceders Church. He lived to be sixty years of age, dying about the year 1877. Two children were born to our subject's parents: Robert Paisley, and George, an insurance agent of the city of Pittsburg, Pa. George Robinson's second marriage was with Jane Best, but no children were added to the family.

Our subject was reared in Union township, and attended the schools of New Castle. When sixteen years of age, he began to work in the nail mill, and continued to be thus employed for ten years. Then for three or four years he kept a news and tobacco store in New Castle, which he at length disposed of and accepted a professed position in the shoe department of one of the largest stores in the city, where he remained some seven years. The two following years he held a similar position in another establishment in the city. By his long connection with the shoe trade, he has thoroughly acquainted himself with all matters considered to pertain in the least to that business, and has shown himself to be a very capable, efficient, and valuable clerk, for he is very popular, and has his circle of patrons who will buy of none but him.

Mr. Robinson was married Dec. 16, 1855, to Jane Davis, daughter of Robert and Mary (Stewart) Davis. The father of Mary Stewart was a native of Scotland. The following seven children were born of our subject's first union: Robert H., deceased; George, deceased; Mary Jane, wife of J. H. Douglas, whose biography we have placed on another page; Annie, who married Joseph Harris, the proprietor of a meat market of New Castle; William, who married

Esther McQuisten, and who is employed in the P. & W. R. R. freight office; Lizzie, deceased; and Charles, deceased. Mrs. Robinson died Sept. 24, 1879, aged forty-seven years. Our subject was again married Oct. 12, 1893, to Louise M. Connell, who was born in Franklin County, and who is a daughter of William T. and Rebecca (Turner) Connell, the former a son of Edward and Ruhama (Todd) Connell, and the latter a daughter of James and Nancy Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are members of the Central Presbyterian Church, and interest themselves in all the work of that organization. Mr. Robinson has been a member of the Royal Templars since 1887. He is a Republican in politics.

ROBERT E. CAGE, a resident of New Castle, is an extensive dealer in all kinds and grades of coal, flag-stone paving, hearths and chimney tops; his office and yards are at No. 164 South Mill Street. He also conducts a grocery store at No. 301 South Mill Street. He is the eldest of six children born to his parents, John and Louisa (Buchanan) Cage; the latter our subject's mother, was a daughter of James Buchanan, a native of England, who married a Miss Babcock, who was born in Vermont. John Cage was born in Pittsburg, March 18, 1817, a son of Robert Cage, who married a Miss Cowell; by occupation and choice of pursuits, John Cage was a farmer, and also a mill owner.

Robert E. Cage was born in Crawford County, near Little Cooley, Dec. 31, 1849; he was reared in his native county, and attended the district school when opportunities were offered,

when he was not laboring on the farm or in the oil region. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and supported himself at that vocation for a number of years, and next became a speculator in tools of various kinds, after which he kept a hotel. In May, 1881, he came to Lawrence County, and for two years thereafter was employed as engineer for the Hope Furnace Co. In 1883, he took up his residence in New Castle, and worked as engineer for the railroad company, the glass works and others for a period of three years, and then bought a confectionery store and conducted it with profit two years and a half. Then he was interested in the livery business for the space of a year, and then after working a few months at his trade of a carpenter, in 1893, he went into the coal business, and has since taken to contracting and to supplying stone flagging, sewer pipe, hearths, and chimney tops, making a specialty of the two last items.

Mr. Cage was married, Feb. 25, 1878, at Edinburg, Pa., to Hattie B. Van Horne, daughter of William and Mary A. (Moorehead) Van Horne, and six children have cemented this union: Myrtle Maude; Charles Milford; George Audley; Grace Emmett, deceased; Robert Henry; and Nahoma Marie. Mrs. Cage is a member of the Baptist Church, and a zealous laborer in religious work. Our subject is a Republican in his politics, and has served the city one year as street commissioner. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 160, also of the Protected Home Circle, New Castle Lodge, No. 5. He has been a member in years past of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and also of the A. O. U. W.

JOHN PARKER, a gentleman in the prime of life and an enterprising citizen of Wayne township, actively engaged in doing custom and repair work in carriage ironing and in carrying on light farming, raising of small fruits, etc., on his farm near Hazel Dell, is of sturdy Irish parentage, springing from that race that has contributed so much to the prosperity and growth of Western Pennsylvania. His existence began in County Down, Ireland, on Aug. 25, 1845, as a son of John and Agnes (Jackson) Parker. The father was Scotch by birth, and in 1859 emigrated to America with his family, his wife's family having previously come to Allegheny County, where the Parkers stopped two years. In 1861, our subject's father brought the family to Wayne township, where he bought sixty acres of the old Matheny farm from Mr. Fombelle. The property was partially cleared and had a log-house on it, which he made the family home until his circumstances allowed him in 1877 to build a new home, the farm having been cleared and made productive of a comfortable revenue. When he decided to give up active labor, he retired to Wampum, where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1897. She was taken from him several years since. John Parker, Sr., was in many essential respects a self-made man; he arrived in this country after a journey of three weeks and two days on the sailing-vessel *Constitution* practically without means. He made a home for his family of six children, who lived to reflect much honor on their name, the sons inheriting to a large degree the energy, enterprise and perseverance of their father; one of the sons served in the late war as a wearer of the loyal blue, and another is a

United Presbyterian minister. He was respected and esteemed by his neighbors and the community at large, and possessed all those qualities which entitled him to be classed as an honest man and a good citizen. The children born to him were: John; William; Sarah; Samuel; Agnes; and James. The Parkers are adherents of the United Presbyterian Church, and the father was a loyal Republican.

After obtaining a rudimentary education, John Parker, Jr., served an apprenticeship at carriage ironing in Noblestown, Pa., and worked as a journeyman at his trade for fifteen years, much of the time serving as foreman in carriage manufacturing in Allegheny, McKeesport, and Steubenville. In 1880 he invested his savings in his father's farm, when that gentleman retired from active work, and erected a carriage repair shop with the intention of doing custom work, and he has had plenty to do. In 1885, he built a new house, and five years later still further improved his property and increased the conveniences by erecting a spacious barn. As he devotes time and land to the culture of small fruits, he has found a dairy profitable, also.

Mrs. Parker was formerly Sarah Roberman, whose father was Henry Roberman of Morgan Co., Ohio. To our subject and wife ten children have been given, of whom only John, the eldest, is deceased. Carrie married John Hassler, a telegraph operator of Ellwood City, and has two children, John and Sarah; Howard assists in the work about the home; Estella wedded F. E. Cole, and bore a son, Andrew J.; Harry is attending the State Normal School and preparing himself for the profession of a teacher; Blanche is also attending the Ellwood High School;

while the younger children, Grace, Ralph B., Etha M. and Nellie R., remain at home and attend the common schools of the neighborhood. Mr. Parker's farm has such an advantageous location in respect to Hazel Dell, for he has found a profitable sale for a part of his farm in building lots. He is a faithful Republican, and has served two terms as school director, and two terms as township auditor. The doctrines of the Presbyterian Church they accept as the grounds of their religious belief.

JOHN BLEVINS, city treasurer of New Castle, is a native of Ireland, that oppressed dependency of the English Crown, which has furnished so many sturdy, industrious citizens to our country, whose presence has been especially felt in the growth and development of this section of the State. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Anderson) Blevins; the mother passed away in 1870, aged seventy-six years, and the father followed six years later at the same age. John Blevins, Sr., emigrated to America in 1831, and after the first two months spent in Canada came to this State to that part of Mercer County which was set off to make Lawrence County; in what is now Washington township, he found a cousin of his wife's named Anderson, and there he bought a farm, and set out to acquire a comfortable competence and rear his children decently.

Till the age of seventeen years, our subject attended the country schools, where the whole year's instruction never exceeded a three months'

term in the winter. When seventeen years old, he came to New Castle, and learned the tailor's trade with T. D. Morgan, then in 1846 he went to Mercer, and worked at his trade, and in the spring of 1847 he came to New Castle again, and this city has since been his home. The first ten years were spent at his trade, and then he embarked into the grocery business, in which he continued until 1875, in which year he was elected county treasurer on the Republican ticket, and served a full term of three years; he then became a clerk in a grocery store and was so occupied until 1884, when he was elected city treasurer, which office he has held continuously ever since. Mr. Blevins has been an active supporter of the Republican party ever since its birth and inception in 1856.

Mr. Blevins was joined in the marriage bond with Ruth J. Thorne on Jan. 3, in Washington; the bride was a daughter of Smith and Mary (Stewart) Thorne, and a granddaughter of James and Ruth (McLean) Thorne. James Thorne was a soldier on the side of the Union in the War of 1812. Our subject is one of three children, James, a resident of Washington township, and Elizabeth, wife of R. C. Rice, being the others; four children born to his parents are deceased. To our subject and his much-esteemed wife have been given six children, the three of whom that now live are: Mary Elizabeth; John Smith, who married Mary Gantz, a daughter of the well-known Prof. Gantz; and William James. Mr. and Mrs. Blevins are devout members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Blevins has with credit established and sustained a splendid record through many years of public service as an honest and capable servant of the people.

WALTER S. CRAWFORD, a retired locomotive engineer, living at No. 105 Court Street, New Castle, also interested in a stone quarry and in operating a farm, was born in the above city Feb. 27, 1835. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of New Castle, and is a descendant of one of the early settlers of Jamestown, Va., in the seventeenth century. Our subject's father, David Crawford, was a son of David Crawford, Sr., who was descended from one of five brothers, who came to Jamestown, Va., in 1672. David Crawford, our subject's father, was born in the year 1798 in Westmoreland County, when it was still a part of Virginia, and when he was two years old was brought by his father with the rest of the family to Mercer County, where he lived until he became of age. His father took up a farm of 1,600 acres at Wheatland on a soldier's land warrant, he having served in the Revolutionary War; later in life he moved to Newark, Ohio, where he died of paralysis at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was a relative of the famous Col. William Crawford, who was killed by the Indians. Our subject's father learned the printer's trade, and published the Western Press of Mercer County for many years. In 1827, he came to New Castle, and established the Register, which was for many years the leading paper of the city, and identified with all the business and financial interests. Our subject still has in his possession, as articles of some little interest to him at least, the press, which is of the old Franklin type, the composing stone, and screw. These articles were all of the most primitive kind. He purchased forty acres in the city on the east side of the Neshannock Creek, and continued farming



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on this tract until his death, Aug. 31, 1874. The land on which the Lawrence County Court House was built was donated by him. When he first came to New Castle, and decided upon locating there, only about a dozen houses were where hundreds upon hundreds are now. He was a drummer-boy in the War of 1812. He married Rebecca Hosack, daughter of Col. Thomas and Mary (Ewing) Hosack, the latter a daughter of Col. Ewing of Hollidaysburg, Pa. Col. Thomas Hosack commanded a regiment at Fort Crawford on Lake Erie in the War of 1812; the regiment returned home in the winter on sleds. To our subject's parents were born the six following children: Matilda, deceased; Lafayette, deceased; Emeline, deceased; Walter S., our subject; Arabella; and Florence.

Until he was fifteen years of age, our subject attended the subscription schools and academy of his native place, and then went West, first visiting Toledo, Ohio, then looking over Chicago, Ills., finally locating himself at Burlington, Iowa, where he learned the printer's trade, and worked two years on the force of the Gazette, the Telegraph, and the Hawkeye. He next spent three summers in rafting, and in the winters followed steamboating on the lower river. He learned how to run an engine—in short picked up a little knowledge here and a little there, and after a little practice was skilled engineer, and followed this occupation on the packets until the spring of 1862. In that year he crossed the continent, and followed agricultural pursuits in Oregon for six years. On Sept. 16, 1868, he re-entered New Castle after an absence of about eighteen years, and for the two years following his return was a grocery clerk. He then fol-

lowed railroading as engineer on the line road for a number of years, but is now retired from active work in that vocation, and operates a farm and stone quarry.

Mr. Crawford was married in Burlington, Ia., to Mary E. Hill, a native of Chillicothe, Ohio, and a daughter of Francis and Nancy (Hukill) Hill, both of Fayette Co., Ohio. One child, William Francis, was born to our subject, but he is since deceased. Mrs. Crawford was taken to her home on high April 13, 1896. Mr. Crawford is an active member of the M. E. Church, as was also his wife during her life. Mr. Crawford was married again Aug. 17, 1897, to Mrs. Hannah G. Dice. He is a stanch Republican, and a zealous supporter of the party, and has served two years in the common council.

MRS. JANE DORAN. Numbered among the oldest residents of the county, and as an honored resident of New Bedford, Pulaski township, the esteemed lady, whose name heads this sketch, is widely known in a wide circle of acquaintances as the widow of the late Jeremiah Doran. Mrs. Doran was born March 10, 1816, and was a daughter of Capt. Alex. and Rebecca (Smith) Thomson. Robert Thomson, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Lancaster County, where he followed agricultural pursuits, always earning his subsistence by the cultivation of the soil. He also owned a large estate in Washington Co., Pa. His wife was Sarah Robison, who was also born in Lancaster Co., Pa. They were ever faithful to the precepts of the Presbyterian

Church, and brought up their children to walk in like paths. Their children were named: Ellen (Allison); Polly (McCollister); Sarah (Cloakey); Thomas; Alexander, the father of Mrs. Doran; and Robert. Mr. Thomson served in the Revolutionary Army, and acquitted himself very creditably, winning the notice of his superiors for his meritorious work. In his politics, he was a stalwart of the old Jeffersonian school.

Capt. Alexander Thomson received the rudiments of an education in the common schools of his native place, and following in the footsteps of his father was a farmer all his days. He was a captain in the War of 1812. In Pulaski township, where he early took up his residence and identified himself with the best interests of the town, he rose to be one of the foremost men and was considered very well-to-do. His business instincts were well-developed, his judgment was at all times unerring and sure, thus admirably qualifying him for a successful career. His companion in connubial felicity was Rebecca Smith, whose father, John Smith, lived in Washington Co., Pa. Eleven children found places under the parental roof. Robert, the first-born, married Betsey McClain, and reared a family of seven: Albert A., John S., Sarah, William N., Rebecca J., Joseph, and Ira. Robert contracted a second marriage with Mary Carnahan, and their children were: Lizzie, deceased, Thomas M., Achsah, and David. The second child was Katherine, who married David McConahy of Mt. Jackson, and became the mother of Emily, Rebecca, Alexander, David, John, William N., Isabella, Samuel, and Lizzie. The third child, John, espoused Eliza Young, and was blessed with these children: Almon, Robert M., Thomas,

Mary A., and Jeremiah D. Sarah, the fourth child, is demised. Mary married John Shehy of Ohio, formerly of Pulaski township, who is now deceased. His widow makes her home with her sister, the subject of this personal history. The sixth child, Rebecca, became the life-companion of William Sowash of Mercer Co., Pa., and has a family of four, James A., William N., Alva, and Jennie. The seventh child of Alexander Thomson was Jane (Mrs. Doran), whose name heads this article; she espoused Jeremiah Doran, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, being stationed at Erie, Pa. After his honorable dismissal from the service, he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Pulaski township, and became one of the solid men of that section. Mrs. Doran is now the worthy recipient of a pension, that the United States Government grants her because of her husband's services. The eighth child of Capt. Alexander Thomson was also named Alexander; he won for his helpmeet Margaret Carriahan of Pulaski township, and they had a family of five: David M., Artibella, Robert W., Josephine R., and Katie, demised. The ninth child was Thomas R., who wedded Rebecca Smith of Smith's Ferry, in Beaver Co., Pa., and they had one daughter and one son, Maggie B. and Claudius K. The tenth and eleventh children were Milton and Andrew, both of whom are now deceased. Religiously, the Thomson family have remained true to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Thomson, the father of Mrs. Doran, helped to build the first Presbyterian Church in New Bedford, this county.

Mrs. Doran and her sister, Mrs. Shehy, have never deviated from their expressed allegiance to the Presbyterian Church, and they hold mem-

berships in the New Bedford Church. These ladies are worthy in every respect of the esteem in which they are held, which is called forth by their admirable lives. There are many friends, who hope that only kindness and peace may attend the ladies all their days. A portrait of Mrs. Doran's brother, Alexander Thomson, accompanies the foregoing sketch and may be found in proximity.

JOHN MARSHALL, one of the foremost men and progressive farmers of Wayne township, Lawrence County, who is engaged very extensively in the raising of all kinds of fruit that grow in this clime, and in market-gardening, was born Aug. 15, 1840, on the farm where he now makes his home and carries on his work. Our subject is a son of David C. and Margaret (Davidson) Marshall, grandson of John and Elizabeth Marshall, and great-grandson of Hugh and Hannah Marshall.

Hugh Marshall, who was a native of northern Ireland, emigrated from his native heath with his wife and children, and made their first stopping-place in Pittsburg, whence Hugh Marshall in company with a Mr. Crawford set out for what is now Big Beaver township. They made a small clearing, but were hindered by the Indians to a great extent, and made little progress until William Penn made his memorable treaty with the Indians, and bought the territory from them, thus establishing peace between the untutored savage and the advance guards of civilization. There were four sons in this pioneer family, John, Robert, Hugh, and William; and

at the death of the father, the task of carrying on his work fell to the oldest son, John.

In time John Marshall became the owner of 400 acres of land, and gave to each of his sons a good farm of large dimensions. He was a stirring, hard working pioneer, and brought about all the increase in his worldly possessions by his own efforts. He lived to the age of seventy-five, while his wife was seventy-eight when she was called to lay down her earthly burden and enter into rest. Their children were: David C.; John; Marvin; Margaret; and Hugh James. Mr. Marshall during the War of 1812 was a private, stationed at Fort Erie.

David C. Marshall spent his boyhood and youth at home in Beaver County, and on attaining his majority bought the Roberson farm of 104 acres in Wayne township, Lawrence Co., Pa., a great portion of which he cleared in the subsequent years of his occupancy. In 1857 he built a home on it, and gradually instilled a spirit of thrift and prosperity into the whole place, adding extensive barns in 1873. Mr. Marshall has had large interests in sheep-raising, but of late years has paid more attention to dairying and to grain production. At the present time, because of the weight of his years, being in his eighty-second year, he rents the farm, and is leading a life that is practically retired.

Our subject's mother, Mrs. Margaret (Davidson) Marshall, whose father was a native of Ireland, was born in Beaver Co., Pa., July 1, 1816, and passed away July 5, 1895. The children in the parental family are as follows: Elizabeth Jane, who has devoted herself to the care of her parents in their last years, and who is now housekeeper for her father; John, the subject of this

narrative; Sarah Margaret, who married I. T. Spangler, and is now demised; Andrew, who died at the age of six; William Hillis, an account of whose life may be found on another page; Mary M.; and Nancy Rachel, deceased. Originally, our subject's father was a Whig, but since the war he has been faithful to the tenets and principles of the Republican party. He has held various offices of trust in the township, and is a strong, virile character. It is scarcely necessary to say that this upright man and good citizen is receiving his just reward in the appreciation of his many friends and neighbors.

John Marshall's boyhood was passed on the paternal estate, much as country boys usually pass those days, and he helped his father on the paternal estate until his marriage to Jane Cole, a daughter of Abraham Cole, a leading resident of Ellwood City, Wayne township, whose personal history is recounted on another page in this volume. Mr. Marshall invested in the Orin Newton farm of seventy-five acres, and soon after the wedding-day of Sept. 16, 1862, the young people set about making a home. That continued to be their residence until 1869, when he bought the D. and C. Robison property of thirty acres adjoining his father's property. Mr. Marshall possessed the spirit of the age in regard to making improvements, and was very particular in that respect. He built two new houses and barns, complete in all the modern appointments, set out 100 fine apple trees, grafted fruit, and to-day they are yielding a bountiful harvest in return. He has fifty peach trees, besides pears, plums, prunes, and various kinds of berries and small fruits in abundance; the most of his time and land are thus devoted to his market-garden-

ing. Mr. Marshall has a choice dairy that includes Holstein and Jersey cows, the milk product being shipped to Allegheny City, Pa. Mr. Marshall used to raise sheep quite extensively. He is a man of means, active, progressive and very popular among all classes. A Republican in politics, Mr. Marshall has acted as school director for twelve years, and also as overseer of the poor. The Marshalls have been Presbyterians for years. Our subject's children are: Margaret E.; David M.; and Alice and Willie who were taken from their home by the hand of death. Margaret E. Marshall was joined in marriage, Oct. 5, 1887, to A. P. Hazen, a farmer of Beaver County; their household has been brightened by the birth of a daughter, Mary J. David M., who is a hardware dealer at Wampum, this county, married, May 22, 1889, Genevieve Cunningham; four children are the fruit of this union: Lulu E.; J. N. Harold; Emma R.; and Charles V.

CAPT. ABRAHAM C. GROVE. Conspicuous among the leading business men of Ellwood City, who have done much toward its development, and who are closely identified with all of the leading interests, is the subject of this biography, who is the senior member of the firm of A. C. Grove & Co., dealers in hardware, agricultural implements, paints, oils, etc. He began his life in New Lebanon, Mercer Co., and is a scion of a family, the members of which for three generations back are Pennsylvanians.

Jacob Grove, our subject's great-grandfather, came from a place near Philadelphia, and set-

tled in Montgomery County, where his son Abraham was born. Abraham moved to Center County, where he farmed several years, and then removed to Mercer County, where he became the owner of 100 acres of land that was entirely in its natural state, unspoiled by the hand of man. The spot he cleared is now a part of New Lebanon borough. He passed his life in agricultural pursuits, and also served in the War of 1812 at Fort Erie, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of the struggle. He married a Miss Mook, and they became the parents of these children: Elizabeth, Barbara, Jacob, Catherine, Mary, David, Hannah, and Rachel.

Jacob Grove, the father of the Captain, was a strong youth of eighteen years when the family settled in Mercer County, and so he aided his father in clearing the land, and putting it under the plow. He bought an adjacent tract of 100 acres, and spent his life in its culture. His wife was Catherine Van Voorhees, daughter of Ryneer Van Voorhees, and of the nine children she bore him seven are living: Jay C., Mary E., Capt. Abraham C., Elizabeth, Sarah J., Jacob T., Jonas B., Jeremiah M., and Zilphia C. Mrs. Grove met her death in a distressing railroad accident at Polk, Venango Co., Pa., when in her sixty-second year.

Captain Grove had the usual educational advantages, and after a course in New Lebanon Academy entered into mercantile life in 1867, by purchasing the store of McHenry & Son. He was successful in this venture, and kept that store until 1891, when he sold it to M. E. Dean, and came to Ellwood City. In company with H. S. Blatt, who has been referred to in another sketch as a hardware dealer of Ellwood City,

Capt. Grove began business along the lines of hardware and lumber. After the fire, Capt. Grove built a two-story building, 100x44 feet, the first floor of which is divided into two stores, one of which he rents to a clothing firm, and the other is used by his own stock of hardware, agricultural implements, paints, oils, glass, etc., the business being carried on under the name of Grove & Co. Capt. Grove is interested in the Ellwood Lumber County, and in the Gas Company, and has ever been included among the first of those who labor to promote the interests of the city.

Our subject selected for a helpmeet Mary Elizabeth Leach, daughter of James Leach of New Lebanon, Pa. They have been blessed with the births of six children, of whom Leon V. is a physician in Anandale, Butler Co.; Nettie became the wife of S. M. Matheny of Ellwood City; Clarence M. is associated with his father in business; Darwin C. has settled near Spokane, Wash.; Victor H. is also in his father's employ; and Leach A., who is a student in the Law Department of the Michigan State University.

Capt. Grove is a Republican, and has served on the school board of Ellwood City. He has an honorable and worthy career as a soldier of the Union, as he enlisted in the fall of '61 for three years in Co. B, 83rd Reg., Pa. Vol. Inf.; he received a discharge in the spring of 1862 on account of disabilities. In the same autumn he re-enlisted in Co. B, 140th Reg. as second lieutenant, and when the company was re-organized he was promoted to the first lieutenantcy, where he served until June 5, 1864, when he was commissioned captain. His resignation, March 1, 1865, was necessitated by a wound in the thigh,

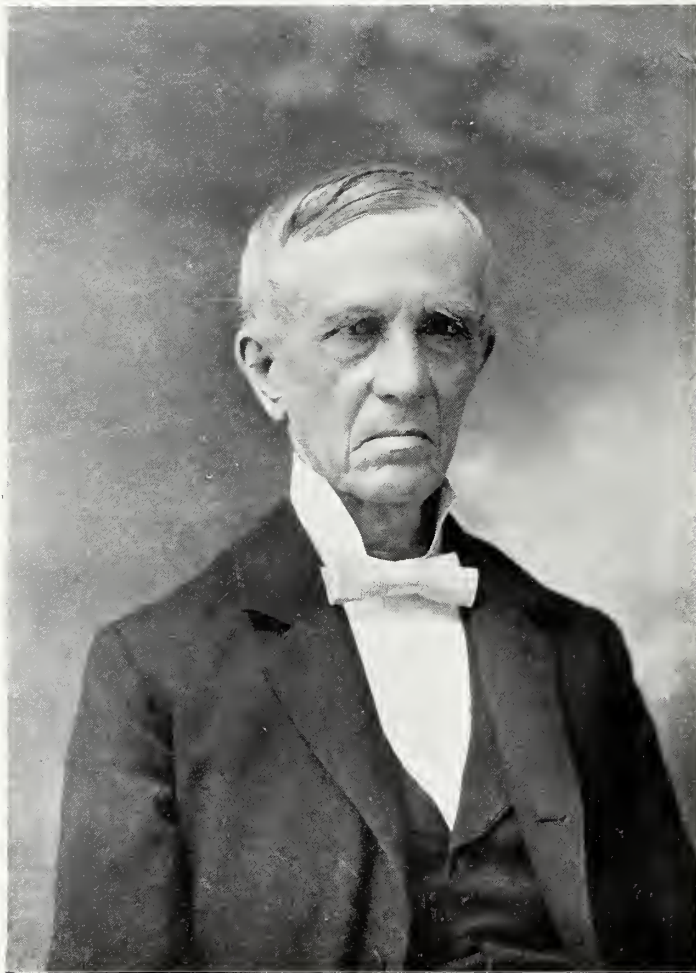
from the effects of which he has never recovered. It is a great and glorious thing to fight for one's country, to face death for the dear old flag, and if youths of to-day need lessons in patriotism let them listen to such soldier boys as Capt. Grove, who can tell them of want and woe, of war and final victory. Capt. Grove is a member of the Union Veteran Legion of New Castle, and has held offices in the Post, No. 251, G. A. R. of New Lebanon. He is a charter member of Ellwood Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 559, and was formerly a member of Lake Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 434. He is also a member of Mt. Calvary Lodge, No. 67, Knights Templar.

CHARLES MATTHEWS, Republican nominee for sheriff of Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in New Castle, of which city he is still a resident, Oct. 15, 1856. He is a son of Matthias and Anna (Brant) Matthews; the latter was born in London, England, and died in 1871. Matthias Matthews was born in Staffordshire, Eng., and passed away in 1888, aged eighty-five years. He came to the United States in 1827 or 1828 under contract to work in the iron mills, of which at that time there were but three in the whole country. He was a supporter of the Democratic party on political matters, and a member of the Episcopal Church. He was a son of John Matthews, a native of Wales, who married a Miss Bennett. Our subject's parents were married in New York City, where our subject's mother was a school-teacher. To them were born seven children, four boys and three girls, as follows: Joseph, a mill hand of New Castle; John, also a

mill hand of the same city; Susan, the wife of David Saunders of Cleveland, Ohio; Mary, who married Benjamin Garbett of Niles, Ohio, a mill hand; Emma, now deceased, the wife of William Mann of Vulcan Forge; James; and Charles.

When Charles Matthews was an infant of two summers, his parents moved to Niles, Ohio, where they lived five years, and since that time he has resided in New Castle. He attended school till he was about fourteen years of age, working in the mills in the summer as soon as he was old enough, and going to school in the winter. At the age of sixteen years, he was apprenticed to the trade of roll-turner in the iron mills, and when nineteen years of age attended the business college in the winter. In 1887, he embarked in the shoe business one year, but was satisfied to give it up at the end of the year to re-enter the mills, where he had been urged to come. In November, 1894, he became business manager and treasurer of the Lawrence Guardian, and continued to hold the office until after the campaign of that fall, when the Guardian was consolidated with the Courant, and in the resulting corporation Mr. Matthews is still a director.

On Feb. 26, 1888, in New Castle, his nuptials were consummated with Miss Elizabeth Lutton, a native of New Castle, and daughter of William B. and Jane (Buck) Lutton. William B. Lutton was for many years city poor director and county commissioner; he died in 1889, aged sixty-five years; his wife survives him at the age of sixty-six. Three children, Charles, Marlen, and Helen, have been born to our subject and wife. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Matthews is a prominent Mason, and has



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taken high orders; he belongs to the following organizations: Mahoning Lodge No. 243, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; Delta Chapter, No. 170, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest and trustee; Hiram Council, of which he is T. I. G. M.; Lawrence Commandery, No. 62, Knights Templar, of which he is past eminent commander. He was grand steward in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1895-96. He was formerly a member of the A. I. & S. W. He has served in both the common council and select council, and has been sent by his party as delegate to State Conventions. While a member of the select council he served as chairman of the finance and fire committees and was a member of other important committees.



DAVID TIDBALL, ESQ. The gentleman named above has every claim for representation in this book, both from his birth and very long residence in New Castle, and also for his long public and semi-public service, in which he has ever been a prominent character in the history of the town. His age has already gone far beyond that allotted to the average man, and he is fast approaching the octogenarian mark, but still retains much of his youthful vigor, and full possession of his faculties. He was born in a log-cabin, situated on Pittsburg Street, New Castle, March 1, 1818, and is a son of John C. and Sarah (Squires) Tidball, the latter a daughter of James Squires, a native of the State of New Jersey, who came to the western part of the State about 1800, and followed agricultural pursuits. He was also a soldier of the Revolution.

The Tidball family is of Welsh origin, springing from four brothers, who came to America in 1716. Our subject's grandfather, David, was one of nine sons born to his parents, three of whom settled in Virginia, three in Ohio, one in Allegheny Co., Pa., and two, John and David, who came to New Castle. David Tidball married Isabella McGowan, who was of Scotch origin. He bought a farm in Lawrence County in 1806, and departed this life at the age of seventy-three. Our subject's father, John C. Tidball, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., and followed the trade of a tanner, living to be about sixty years old.

David Tidball, the eldest of eleven children born to his parents, was reared in New Castle, and as it was before the time of free public instruction, his education was secured in schools that were supported by private subscriptions. The only text-books in use were the Testament, an English reader, an introductory arithmetic, the old blue spelling book, and a United States history, not a very complete collection of text-books viewed from the demands of to-day, but they sufficed to give the fundamental principles of an education to many a boy, who with the smattering of an education thus obtained made a mark for himself in the world, and made himself respected and admired by all who had the good fortune to become well-acquainted with him. When a young man, Mr. Tidball learned the tailor's trade, and later on was a clerk in Mr. Kissick's store. He was appointed post-master by Van Buren near the end of that President's administration, and served some seven or eight months; he was again appointed by President Tyler, and served a similar period. From

1852 to 1856 he was postmaster under President Pierce. In August, 1867, he was again appointed to the position by President Johnson, and served fourteen consecutive years, under all the Presidents till Garfield. From 1860 to 1865, he served as justice of the peace. During all the years in which he held sway over the New Castle postoffice, Squire Tidball was uniformly courteous and obliging, performing many little acts of accommodation for the patrons of the office, and requiring his employees to do the same. The same traits of character, that went to make him so well-liked as postmaster, made him popular as a host, when in 1882 he purchased the Leslie House, and conducted it successfully for the following seven years. He was known far and wide as one of the most popular landlords in Western Pennsylvania.

David Tidball, Esq., was married in 1854 in New Castle to Miss Martha Dixon, daughter of Charles and Nancy (Graham) Dixon, and to him and his well-beloved wife have been given eight children as follows: Mary, deceased; Charles, deceased; Frank, who was city clerk of New Castle for a time, but who is at present an official under the present administration; Nevin D., who is in the office of the Valley Steel Co.; William deceased; David, a clerk in a leading hotel of Pittsburg; Ella, the wife of Joseph Hays; and Martha. Mrs. Tidball and daughters are members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is a stanch Republican, though previous to the war he was an old-line Democrat. He is a member of Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, F. & A. M. of New Castle. His portrait accompanies this notice of his life, and may be viewed on a preceding page.

JAMES R. MARTIN, a resident of New Castle, who has been associated with the active and progressive men of the State in general industrial activity, is now practically retired from business. He was born at Bethel, Mercer Co., Pa., Dec. 16, 1848, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Robinson) Martin, and grandson of Hugh Martin.

Our subject's grandfather came from Berks Co., Pa., to North Beaver township, Lawrence Co., Pa., in 1829, with seven sons and one daughter, using five horses and one wagon to transport his personal effects and property. The overland route, by which they came, took them many days and even weeks, and as the youngest child was but three years old, their emigration was filled with many trials. He bought a farm in the wilderness at what has since been known as Westfield Church, Lawrence Co., and there he followed farming the remainder of his life, dying in 1859, aged about seventy-five years. His wife passed away in 1868 or 1869, aged eighty-one years. Their children were: Thomas; Hugh; Samuel; Seth; George; Catherine; John; and David. The three latter are single and live on the old homestead.

In 1836, Thomas Martin with his brother Hugh bought a tract of land near the homestead, in Bethel, Mercer County, and built there a log-house; later on they divided the land and farmed separately until 1861, when our subject's father sold his property and bought a farm at Hillsville, Mahoning township, this county, where he died July 23, 1867; he was born in 1809. His wife, who was a daughter of James L. Robinson, died in 1895, lacking one month of being an octogenarian. By Thomas Martin's

first marriage with Miss Ann Johnson, who died at the age of twenty-two, two children were born: Samuel, a citizen of Iowa, and Robert of the State of California. The following children blessed his second marriage: John S. of Hillsville, Lawrence County; James R., the subject of this short biography; Mary S., now deceased, who was the wife of John Gailey; Cyrus L. lives on the homestead; Annie Elizabeth married William Gilmore; Permelia J. married E. Miller of Springfield, Ohio. Our subject's father was a Whig and then a Republican, and served the town of which he was a resident in various of its offices.

James R. Martin secured an education, which was fair for that time, in the schools of Hillsville, and until he was thirty-two years of age remained on the homestead, and then bought a farm of his own, and besides carrying on general farming he did a large business in the buying and shipping of horses to Eastern markets. After a number of years' residence there, he, in 1889, because of his wife's serious illness, moved to New Castle, and, besides supervising the farm, dealt in coal, lime and cement under the firm name of J. R. Martin & Co., for three years, when he sold out. At the present time he is practically retired, with the exception of the work he still puts in the management of his farm, and in looking after his interests in limestone. In 1890 he built a handsome residence at No. 125 North Mill Street, and also owns a tenement which is located on the same lot.

In 1880 Mr. Martin married Miss Durette Whiting, daughter of John Whiting. She died Dec. 30, 1890, aged thirty-six years, leaving one daughter and two sons: Verna L., born April 2,

1882; Chauncey J., Jan. 3, 1884; and Freddie L., Nov. 15, 1885. As his second helpmeet our subject married Mrs. Genevieve Hazen, widow of Oscar M. Hazen, who left one son, Roy W. Hazen; Mrs. Martin is a daughter of Hiram Watson. Mr. Martin uniformly supports the Republican party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and Past Grand of the same; and of the Encampment, and Past High Priest of that.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS, deceased, who was in his life a leading tin and coppersmith of New Castle, was born in the above town Aug. 5, 1812, and died Aug. 29, 1880. He was a son of Joseph Reynolds, who married a Miss Inbody, who was of German origin. Our subject's grandfather, Reynolds, came from England during the last century.

Our subject learned the trade of a tin and coppersmith in Mercer County, when a young man, and was engaged at the occupation of smithing all his life. Mr. Reynolds was a Democrat to the backbone, as are his sons; he served as president of the select council for the city of New Castle, as school director and as poor director. Under President Buchanan's administration, he served as postmaster. He was a member of the K. of P., Fidelis Lodge.

William H. Reynolds was married in New Castle to Susan H. Squier, who was born in New Castle, April 10, 1823, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Hudson) Squier. Anthony Squier was probably born on the site of New Castle, Jan. 18, 1796, and in the early days of the settlement kept a tavern in a building on Washing-

ton Street, which was one of the best and most substantial structures in New Castle at that time. He died Feb. 27, 1837. He was a son of James and Lydia (Reynolds) Squier. James Squier was a soldier of the Revolution, enlisting at the age of eighteen, May 28, 1778, at Monmouth, N. J.; he received a pension from the government. He was born in England, Jan. 7, 1760, and died in 1848 in New Castle. Mary Hudson, Mrs. Reynolds' mother, was a daughter of William and Susanna (Gray) Hudson.

To William H. Reynolds and his wife were born five children, namely: Mary, who married T. J. Garvin, who is engaged in the livery business on Apple Alley, New Castle, they have seven children; Grace died in infancy; Addie; Charles L., a tinsmith of New Castle, who married Anna Gaston, has three children, his sketch appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; William H., Jr., married Ella Brown, deceased, and is the father of one child.

DANIEL BITNER of No. 182 Croton Avenue, New Castle, is a blacksmith by trade, and is now employed in that capacity in the Lawrence Glass Works of the above city. Although very well along in years, his birth occurring Jan. 25, 1825, he is hale and hearty, and able to swing the sledge with as much vim and precision as many who are scores of years his junior. He is a son of Jacob and Anna (Calhoun) Bitner. Jacob Bitner, a soldier of the War of 1812, whose birth occurred about 1797, was American born, but of German parentage, his mother having been born and reared in the old country.

Jacob Bitner learned the blacksmith's trade, and in early life worked in Allegheny City, and Pittsburgh. When our subject was about four years of age, Jacob Bitner came to Lawrence County; of his four boys and four girls, Daniel and his brother Barnet are the only survivors. As the older boys grew up, the father took them into his shop, desiring to teach them his trade, and keep them at home with him, but each in his turn became dissatisfied, and looked for other fields of labor. At last when all the older sons had left him, the father took Daniel into the shop at the early age of twelve years, just as soon as he was able to swing a sledge, and from that time on to the end of what might have been called his school-boy days he remained in his father's shop, and thought no more of going to school again. As he grew up he continued to work in his father's shop in Croton, and upon his father's death in 1847, he succeeded to the business, and many years thereafter found him laboring at his forge in Croton. Then for some eight or ten years he was engaged in the grocery business in the same village, and then returned to his trade. For the past fifteen years he has been employed in the shops of the Union Glass Co., and latterly of its successor, the Lawrence Glass Co.

On Jan. 18, 1847, Mr. Bitner was married to Hester Baker, with whom he has lived fifty happy years, and gathered about him a contented family of children and grandchildren. Mrs. Bitner is a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Rigby) Baker, the former a pensioner of the War of 1812. To Mr. Bitner and his wife have been given five children: Martha Jane, deceased; Jacob Baker, a blacksmith, now living in Fair-

mount, Ind.; Mary Ann, who married J. D. Harvey of New Castle; Roseltha M., who married E. E. Hartsuff of New Castle; and Hannah, who died in infancy. His religious attachments bind him to the M. E. Church. Politically, he is a Republican, and in respect to his social connections, he is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the A. O. U. W. He has a pleasant home in Croton, near the scene of his life-work, where he will spend his declining years, surrounded by his friends and descendants.

JAMES J. COOK. It is always a matter of interest to review the lives of early settlers, and to note from the study of their careers the progress time had made in their surroundings while silvering their hair and implanting furrows of care on the forehead. The gentleman, whose name occurs above, a retired resident of New Castle, although a native of Darlington, Beaver Co., Pa., has been a citizen and one of the prominent men of the city of New Castle for the greater part of his life. Although practically retired, and living in comfortable circumstances, he has been long connected with the public life of the city and county as court crier.

Mr. Cook was born in Darlington, Beaver Co., Pa., Sept. 10, 1828, on the anniversary of Commodore Perry's victory over the British on Lake Erie. His father, Benjamin Cook, also a native of Chambersburg, Pa., was born in 1794, and died in 1845; when but a youth he served in the War of 1812, and was an intimate friend of Bird, who was executed for overstaying his furlough

at a critical juncture. The execution was not so much for the gravity of the offense, but the time required strict discipline, and a terrible example must be held up before all in order that they perform their duty. Mr. Cook always regretted the action of the military authorities in this matter, and thought the sentence too severe. Our subject's father learned the wood-working trades, and became an expert carpenter, joiner and cabinet-maker. Later in life he entered into mercantile life, and owned and conducted a large general store in Darlington; he was so successful in this venture, that he established a branch store at Clinton, which also proved very profitable. His early demise at the age of fifty-one cut short a very promising career, but such is the uncertainty of life, the best, the fairest, and the noblest seem to succumb earliest to the final summons. Mr. Cook was a Presbyterian in his religious views, and in his politics was an old-line Whig of the deepest dye. He was ever active in politics, a good manager, and hard worker for his friends and their principles, but would never accept any office himself at the gift of the people. He married Susanna Johnson, daughter of Andrew Johnson of Beaver Co., Pa., and to them were born six children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Andrew Johnson; John C.; James J., our subject; Martha A., deceased; and Emeline, deceased.

James J. Cook was reared until his eighteenth year in his native town, attending district school and the academy at Darlington until he was fourteen, following that up with a summer term in a school at Atwater, Ohio, where his sister, a teacher, induced him to go for a time in the hope that his somewhat feeble health might be im-

proved. His health for many years was not of the best because his work at the trade of a tailor commenced when he was very young, and thus withheld from him many of the sports and good times that go as far toward building up the young frame. While still a lad of eight or nine years, instead of playing with other boys of his age in some healthful exercise, he would frequently work in the shop of a friendly tailor when there was anything he could do. From time to time he learned new things about the trade and more was entrusted to him, so that at the age of fourteen when he was apprenticed, he was really more proficient than many of the journeymen tailors of the place. He served two years as an apprentice under James Murray. In 1846, he came to New Castle, and after working there six months more as an apprentice, was given piece work, and then earned and saved enough to go into business for himself. This he did with John Blevins, the present city treasurer, and they were so associated until 1850, when Mr. Cook, seeing a good opening in his native place where there was then a large amount of railroad construction, opened a clothing store and tailoring establishment in Darlington, which he conducted until 1856. In the following year, he removed to New Castle, where he went into partnership with John Williams, and opened a store and tailor shop, but owing to the ill health of both partners, it was deemed advisable by Mr. Cook to go to other parts for a change of environment, climate, temperature or whatever was needed. Mr. Williams decided to remain, and so after invoicing their goods, Mr. Cook left for Ohio, where health steadily improved, while Mr. Williams lasted but a few months. At last it became

apparent to our subject that indoor work was not suited to him, and so he secured a place on the police force of New Castle, and rose to the position of chief of police, was then elected tax collector and was finally seated in the mayor's chair. Having purchased a fine farm of ninety acres north of New Castle, he devoted his spare time to its management, and the two years he resided there were two of the happiest years of his life.

For fifteen years, Mr. Cook served as court crier, and although he cared little for the position, it was at the request of his friends and family that he retained the office. Mr. Cook was a member of a New Castle Lodge of the I. O. O. F., but is not actively connected with the organization at present. He is a strong Republican, and has always been since its organization, previously voting the Democratic ticket.

July 25, 1849, Mr. Cook was married to Mary E. Whitten, a native of Warren, Ohio, daughter of Oliver Whitten, a native of the State of Maine, who married Lavinia Percy, a daughter of Joseph and Lavinia (Reynolds) Percy. Joseph Percy was a soldier of the Revolution, and of English descent, his brother who remained in England being John Lord Percy of the English nobility. Of a family of six children born to Oliver Whitten, Mary E., the wife of our subject, was fifth. The union of our subject and wife has resulted in five children as follows: Charles W., who married Miss Lou Swall, and has four children, Edith, Mary E., James P., and Eber D.; Mary Lovan; Susanna J.; Albert J.; and Edward Percy. Mrs. Cook and her daughters are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of New Castle.



GEORGE W. GAGEBY.

GEORGE W. GAGEBY, master-mechanic of the Shenango Valley Steel Co., was born in Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 14, 1839, and is a son of Robert Gageby, and grandson of James Gageby, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and came to this country about the time the colonists were having their memorable dispute with George III. over their conceived right to govern and care for themselves. Soon after landing on the soil of the New World, he took one of the important steps in life, and was joined in marriage with Janette Scroggs, also a native of the Emerald Isle; they settled at Fairfield, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Like the patriotic son of old Ireland that he was, he bore no love toward King George and his red-coated soldiery, and so with an earnest zeal to serve well the country of his adoption he enlisted in the Continental Army, and served through the rest of the war. When the colonies had at last effected a peace bought with blood, and hostilities ceased, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and followed the occupation of a farmer the rest of his life. These seven children were born to them: Allen, who went to Virginia; David, who became a citizen of Indiana; James, who also became a resident of the Hoosier State; Neal, who moved to Iowa; Jane (Elder), who remained in Westmoreland County; John; and Robert, our subject's father.

Robert Gageby was born in Westmoreland County, where his early years were spent on the farm, going to school when he could at the neighboring district school. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, and went to Kentucky, where he worked for a few years in an axe factory. When the canal and railroad were being built from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, he returned

to the Keystone State, and found profitable employment in the work attendant upon the carrying out of those projects; he finally settled in Johnstown, where he labored at his forge until the year 1870, when his death took place when he was aged seventy-three years. He married Rebecca S. Douglass, cousin of the late Thomas Scott, ex-president of the Pennsylvania railroad; she was drowned in the Johnstown flood at the age of seventy-four years. There were born to our subject's parents the following children: James H.; George W., our subject; Ellen M.; deceased; Mary E.; Jemima, D. (White), deceased; Arabella (McClure); Sarah J., deceased; Joseph S.; and John S. Of the above, Jemima D. (White), and Sarah J. lost their lives in the great Johnstown flood, which awful disaster cast a black shadow for many years over the beautiful valley. The family favored the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's father was a Whig and later a Republican.

George W. Gageby began to care for himself at the age of fourteen, commencing to work at that age in the Cambria Iron Works, serving his apprenticeship as a machinist. He remained with that company seven years, and then on the breaking out of the civil war enlisted in Co. G, 3rd Pa. Vol. Inf., and after serving his original term of enlistment of three months, he re-enlisted in Co. D, 54th Pa. Vol. Inf.; he was with Sheridan in the valley, and was located in West Virginia the greater part of the time; he was mustered out of the service and received an honorable discharge Dec. 29, 1864. His war days over he returned to Johnstown, and again entered the employ of the Cambria Iron Co., but after six months with them he went to West Vir-

ginia for a short stay, and then to Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade for the Pennsylvania railroad for one year, after which he again returned to Johnstown to work for the Cambria Iron Co. In 1873, he was promoted to the assistant foremanship of the shops, and in the same year was made general foreman, and remained with the company in that connection until 1883. In that year he went to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he became master-mechanic of the South Tredegar Iron Co.'s shops; after being with them but eight months, he was taken sick, and was compelled by that circumstance to return to his native town and seek a restoration of his health. In three months he had recuperated sufficiently to accept a position with the Niles Tool Works at the branch office at Chicago, Ills. During the time he was with them, he erected and started in successful operation the rolling-mill at Pullman, Ills. He then returned to his native State again, and became foreman of the machine shops of the J. P. Witherow Iron Co. of New Castle, remaining with them in that capacity for three years. He then accepted a position as foreman of the Horton, McKnight shops in Pittsburg Pa., and for eight months fulfilled the duties of that position. Later on he returned to New Castle to work in the shops of the Wire Nail Co., and when the rod mill was built, he set up and ran the engines for that branch of the concern for six months. He was then made night foreman of the mill, a position he held until 1893, in which year he set up all the machinery in the tin mill and started the same in operation. After a short rest he became engaged with the Shenango Valley Steel Co. as its master mechanic, a position he still retains. As will be

noted by the foregoing account of Mr. Gageby's labors, he has been engaged in many important and trying positions, and his skill and knowledge of machinery has been thoroughly adequate to the most unforeseen emergency, enabling him to discharge his duties in a manner that has reflected credit on his ability, and that has never given his employers the least cause of complaint.

Mr. Gageby married Rose Pisel, daughter of Benjamin Pisel, and to them have been given the following children: Susan; Leonora; Viola. He is a strong, unyielding Republican, and always active in whatever will materially assist his chosen party. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 30, and has been through all of the offices; he also belongs to the Union Veteran Legion, and to the Royal Arcanum. As a Mason, he is a member of Cambria Lodge, No. 278, F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 195, R. A. M. It gives us pleasure to call attention to the portrait of Mr. Gageby that appears on a preceding page, for his worth is apparent to the most disinterested reader.

FRANK L. KELLY, who until recently was engaged in retailing oil in New Castle, having built up a large business in that city and the surrounding country, but who is now interested in the grocery business in company with Perry S. Martin, was born in Mahoning township, Lawrence Co., Pa., April 25, 1866. His parents were Andrew and Rhoda (Robinson) Kelly, the latter a native of Mahoning township, and a daughter of John H. and Catherine (Ward) Robinson. Catherine (Ward) Robinson was a daughter of

Francis Ward, and was born about 1800, and died in 1845. John H. Robinson was born in Mahoning township, then a part of Mercer County, in 1795, and died in 1873, having throughout his entire life followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife, eight now survive. John H. Robinson was a son of Henry and Mary (Kelly) Robinson, the father a native of old Ireland.

Andrew Kelly, our subject's father, was born in Mercer County in that part of it which is included in Mahoning township, Lawrence County, and followed farming in his native town all his life. His father, Andrew Kelly, Sr., was also a respected agriculturist, having come to Mercer County at an early day. To Andrew Kelly, Jr., were born seven children: John A., deceased; Newell, who died in a military hospital at Nashville, Tenn., while in the service of his country during the late rebellion; an infant daughter, deceased; Melissa, deceased; Elmer, who is conducting the old home farm in Mahoning township; Frank L., our subject; and Cary L., the youngest son, who is attending school in Granville, Ohio.

Frank L. Kelly obtained his education in the district schools of his native township, and the high school of Hillsville, Pa., until he had reached the age of eighteen years. During the following seven years, he worked on the home farm, giving his time to his parents. He married at the age of twenty-five, and for the next two years took entire charge of the homestead. Then seeing an opening in New Castle for a man of energy and indomitable will, he came to the city in 1893, and purchased an oil business which

he extended in every direction to the city limits, and to outside points within a radius of eight or ten miles, delivering a superior quality of oils to his patrons throughout his district. July 22, 1897, he sold his oil business to Guy Zimmerman, and purchased, in company with Perry S. Martin, the store and grocery stock of John A. Miller & Son, of No. 388 West Washington Street, and they are now meeting with the most flattering success.

Mr. Kelly was married in Hillsville to Miss Nora M. Martin, a native of that borough, and a daughter of John S. and Rebecca (Fox) Martin. One bright child has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, to whom has been given the name of Gladys. Our subject and wife are both members of the First Baptist Church of New Castle. Mr. Kelly is a Republican partisan, and a hard worker for his friends.

R. E. W. ZIEGLER, superintendent of the Prudential insurance Company at New Castle, Lawrence County, is a gentleman whose business career has been a steady progress, and whose present position has been the result of many years of faithful service to the great Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. He was born in Heidelberg township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Dec. 17, 1865, and is a son of Charles F. and Eva A. (Riedy) Ziegler. Our subject's mother was a native of Heidelberg township, and a daughter of Elias and Maria (Mantz) Riedy, the latter a daughter of David Mantz. Elias Riedy, who was a native of the Keystone State, was a far-

mer by occupation, and in early life was interested in milling; he lived to be upwards of seventy years of age. Our subject's father was a son of Charles and Hannah (Newhard) Ziegler, both natives of Eastern Pennsylvania. Charles was the son of one of three brothers who came to America in the last century; he was a farmer throughout his life, and owned one of the finest farms in Lowhill township, on which he lived until his death in February, 1896, at the age of seventy-five years. His son, Charles F., was born in Claussville, in Lehigh Co., Pa., in 1842; he was a man of good education, and taught school twenty-four years. Later he embarked in mercantile pursuits, keeping a general store at Allentown, until he became interested in the insurance business, to which he has since given his entire attention. He has been exclusively in the employ of the Prudential Insurance Company since 1893. He is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Richard E. W. Ziegler lived in Heidelberg township until ten years of age, when the family moved to Claussville, where they remained three years before taking up their residence in Allentown, where our subject spent the remaining years of his youth, and completed his education, having passed through the high school at Claussville. After living in Allentown four years, during which period he was engaged in teaching music, an art he was very proficient in, he became in his eighteenth year a solicitor for the Prudential Insurance Company in Allentown. From that place he went to Shenandoah, and represented the company in the same capacity, remaining there from 1886 to the spring of 1887, when he was transferred to Shamokin,

and continued there until July, 1887, when he became assistant in the detached office at Lancaster, Pa., where he was employed eighteen months. He next went to Reading, where he stayed until the fall of 1890, and from there to South Bethlehem, where he was until January, 1892, at which time he took full charge of the office at Catasauqua, where he remained until his appointment, Jan. 23, 1893, superintendent of the New Castle district, comprising eight counties in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Under Mr. Ziegler's management, the business increased so rapidly, that it was soon too large for one district, and the four Ohio districts were set off into a separate field of their own, and the four Pennsylvania counties were continued under Mr. Ziegler's management. These have been thoroughly organized with twenty-nine agents to look after the details of the field work, with seven clerks at the district office in the Pearson Block, New Castle. Our subject's particular talents lie in organizing, and in this phase of the work has he proved himself especially valuable to his employers, and has commanded their respect and esteem.

He was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony, Dec. 19, 1884, at Allentown, Pa., to Emma S. Koch, daughter of Charles D. and Helen (Heil) Koch of Allentown. To our subject and wife three children have been born, as follows: Florence Eva Eleanor; Stanley Franklin Le Roy; and Harold Ward Dryden. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler are included among the most regular and faithful attendants and members of the M. E. Church. In his politics, Mr. Ziegler throws his influence and vote in favor of the Prohibition party.

WILLIAM W. WADDINGTON, general foreman of the yards and shops of the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. at New Castle, was born in the above city, May 29, 1859. He is a son of Wilkes and Kate (Lint) Waddington. Our subject's mother was born in New Castle, and was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Slogge) Lint; the latter attained an age of eighty years; the former, who was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., was a carpenter by trade, and died in New Castle about 1875, being upwards of eighty years of age. Our subject's father was a son of Benjamin and Nancy (Burnley) Waddington, and grandson of Benjamin Waddington, Sr., who was a citizen of England, where he lived his whole life, engaged in the woolen mills, and died in 1845. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was born in England, at Eccles Hill, Yorkshire, in 1794, and departed this life at Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 29, 1876; he was interred in the cemetery at East Brook, where he had long been a resident. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and voted the Democratic ticket. His trade was that of a wool spinner, and he followed it many years in the mills at East Brook. His wife was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Holmes) Burnley, and she had a brother who fought in the battle of Waterloo under Wellington. Joseph Burnley was born in England in 1766, and came to America in 1832; he was a woolen manufacturer, and died about 1851.

Wilkes Waddington was born in England in 1826, and became a resident of America when he was twelve years of age, his parents emigrating hither at that time. When of suitable age for apprenticing him to a trade, he was taught the trade of a machinist, and shortly became su-

perintendent of the New Castle Manufacturing Co. Later he became a moving spirit in the firm of Shaw, Waddington & Co. on South Mercer Street. There the firm established a foundry and machine shop, and our subject's father continued in business until his death, which was caused by contracting a severe cold, from which he never recovered.

William W. Waddington was brought up in New Castle, and attended the public schools until thirteen years of age, when he went into his father's shops as a fireman and engineer, and continued in such occupations for two years. He then learned the machinist's trade, and worked at it five years. At the age of twenty-one, he became engineer in New Castle's fire department, and remained there until April, 1882, in which month he was given a position as fireman on the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., and after serving in that capacity fifteen months became an engineer, and held the throttle three years. Following this, he was associated with the James P. Witherow Co. some two years in the machine shops on Jefferson Street. He again accepted a position with the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. as foreman of the round-house, and held that position until August, 1895, when he became foreman of the shops and yards of that company in New Castle, a position he is creditably filling at the present time. Mr. Waddington is the eldest of four sons, born to his parents, all of whom are expert machinists; fine mechanical skill seems to run through the entire family in all its branches. The names of the four brothers are: William W., our subject; Ben L., machinist for the New Castle Wire Nail Co.; Frank W., machinist for the New Castle Steel & Tin-Plate Co.; and

Oliver C., the engineer of the New Castle Traction Co.

The marriage ceremony which united our subject and Georgiana Howard for life was performed in New Castle, June 25, 1886; the bride was a daughter of Lewis F. and Martha (Hillman) Howard. Mrs. Waddington is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is a Republican in politics. Socially, he is a member of Fidelis Lodge, No. 460, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, and has represented it on two different occasions as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter, No. 170; and Lawrence Commandery, No. 62, K. T.

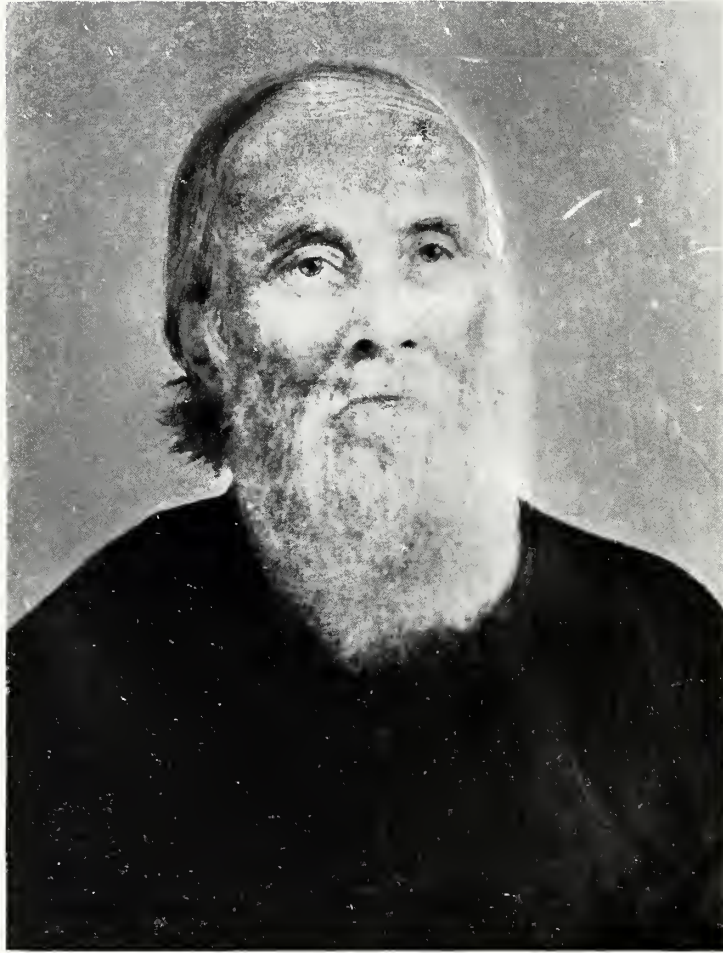
FRANK P. MAJOR, senior member of the firm of Major & McCready, general merchants of Wampum, dealing in all kinds of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and clothing, is one of the prominent business men of that borough, and numbers his friends and patrons by the hundred. He came into this busy world May 4, 1857, at Middleton, Ohio; he was a son of William O. and Lena (Martin) Major. The mother was born in Mahoning Co., Ohio, Oct. 11, 1832.

Mr. Major passed his boyhood days in Middleton until he was eleven years of age, when he went to Carbon, Pa., and spent five years in the family of William Walters, a well-to-do farmer of that place. His next move brought him to Wampum, where he found work in the limestone quarries; in the brief period of six months he had become competent for the position of fore-

man of the quarry by diligent, intelligent service, and held that position for seventeen years.

In March, 1889, our subject determined to invest his earnings, and to engage in business, as an agreeable change from the life of hard work he had previously experienced. He accordingly purchased a half interest in a stock of goods, thereby becoming the junior member of the firm of Cunningham & Major. He has retained his partnership in the store since, although the first partnership was dissolved at the end of three years, and Mr. Braby displaced Mr. Cunningham. On Dec. 29, 1896, Mr. Braby transferred his interest to Hugh J. McCready, and the present style of the firm is Major & McCready. They conduct a well-appointed general store, having all the departments usually found in an establishment of that kind, such as dry goods, notions, clothing, boots, shoes, and groceries. They have the largest, neatest and best stock in the borough, and by placing before the people standard goods at moderate prices, they have built up a large trade. Being accommodating and courteous in their treatment of customers, they have hosts of business acquaintances, who have only the best words to speak of them. Mr. Major relied solely on his own efforts to win for him success in life, and to this success he has been entitled, and has enjoyed in a marked degree. He is a careful, conscientious business man, and his present position is as gratifying to those who have watched him from the beginning as it is to himself.

Mr. Major was married in 1876 to Kate Cox, daughter of William Cox and wife, the latter having been a Miss M. A. Longacre. One daughter, Daisy, came to bless their home, and she is



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now Mrs. Frank S. Key of Ashtabula, Ohio. Her husband is a tobacconist and confectioner. Having suffered the loss of Mrs. Major in February, 1884, Mr. Major contracted a matrimonial alliance with Hattie McCandless, and they have two sons, Walter and Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Major are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Major inclines toward the party of Jeffersonian simplicity, and of the good old times. He has been a school director for a term of nine years. He is a member in good standing of the Junior O. U. A. M., and of the I. O. O. F.

JOHN B. IRVIN. Among those leading citizens who have been engaged successfully in the pursuits of agriculture in Hickory township, and have acquired a comfortable competence thereby, John B. Irvin, whose portrait accompanying this sketch is shown on the opposite page, occupies a prominent position; he is no longer actively engaged in farming, but at the age of seventy-nine is leading a retired life on his fine farm, enjoying the grateful rest that comes after a life of toil. He was born June 21, 1818, on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Lycoming Co., Pa. His father, William Irvin, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, and after many profitable years in Lycoming County, he settled in what is now Hickory township, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural labors. His wife, who was Jane Brown before her marriage with him, bore him the following children: Eliza, deceased; Sarah; Greer; Nancy; Matthew;

and John B., the subject of this sketch, who was the only member of the family to marry. Our subject's mother lived to the very advanced age of ninety-six years. They were Presbyterians in religious belief.

John B. Irvin completed his education in his native town, and at an early date turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He came to Lawrence County and settled on his present farm in 1845, and this has since been his home and the scene of many years of labor, of seed-time and harvest. He was always a hard worker, and directed his energies in a manner superior to the ordinary farmer, and to-day he is held in the highest esteem as a man of sterling worth and many excellent virtues. Ever since the formation of the Republican party, he has labored zealously for its interests, his first vote being for John C. Fremont, and his last for Major William McKinley; prior to the time when he associated himself with the Republican party, he voted the Whig ticket. He has held the township offices of supervisor and assessor.

In 1839, he was joined in wedlock with Amanda McCreary, who was born Nov. 3, 1816, a daughter of John McCreary of Hickory township. This union has been abundantly blessed with these children: Margaret E., who married William Boyd, and has presented him with two children—Minnie and Sarah; William B., who was captured by the Confederates and confined in the rebel prison at Dansville, Va., and died the next year after returning home; Thomas D.; Martha W., who became the wife of Thomas Wilson of Neshannock Falls, Pa.; Willis E., who married Anna Buxton of Neshannock Falls, Pa., and had four children—John, Margaret, David,

and Amanda; after her death he married again, this time to Callie Hayne of Mercer County, who bore him two children, Mary and James. Of the above family born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Irvin, Willis E. is the only survivor to-day. In religious belief and church attachments, both our subject and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of East Brook.

DAVID JAMESON, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of New Castle, Pa., was born in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, July 24, 1856, and is a son of Bevin P. Jameson, whose birthplace was in Mercer, Mercer Co., Pa. Our subject's father spent his boyhood days near Warren, Ohio, and during the greater part of his active mercantile career was engaged in the hardware business in that city, following that line of trade until 1870, running at one time the Russia Rolling-mills at Niles, Ohio. He with two associates owned and operated the gas plant of the city of Warren for many years. For twenty years preceding his decease, he was also a director of the First National Bank of Warren. He was a good thinker, a man of excellent judgment, and also a shrewd business man; his influence was extensive and powerful and enabled him to assist in the furthering of the progress of his native town beyond what could have been expected from the single-handed exertions of one man. When any work of trifling or of large proportions, whether agreeable or unpleasant to him, devolved upon him for its performance, he was not the man to shirk, or to plead off on some excuse or another;

it was a principle that guided and marked his life that when work of whatever character, private, public or charitable, presented itself, he was to take hold and do the best he could to perform the work faithfully as it should be done. To his persistent and hard work is attributed the cause of his death. Two large business corporations near Warren had made assignments, and to him as assignee fell the work of straightening and settling the accounts; he devoted his time and strength to the work, and his constitution was so undermined that his death was hastened by a number of years. He died in the year 1876, aged fifty-nine years. He married Sarah A. Blair, daughter of Robert L. Blair, a pioneer iron manufacturer of Lake County, Ohio, and there were born to them ten children, namely: William C., deceased; George L., deceased; Albert L., who lives in Warren, Ohio; Bevin, deceased; Robert B., deceased; David, the subject of this narration; Henry, deceased; Frederick, deceased; and Lucy, who became the wife of John M. Ormond of Toledo, Ohio. Our subject's mother is still living at her old home in Warren at the age of seventy-six.

David Jameson, subject of this writing, received his elementary education in the schools of Warren, Ohio, then attended Allegheny College of Meadville, Pa., and Victoria University of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada. He determined on the legal profession for a life career, and studied law with Hutchins & Tuttle of Warren, Ohio, for three years, and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1881, entitling him to practice in any of the State courts. He then moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he practiced law for two years, and then came to New

Castle, where he followed his profession until 1891, when he relinquished his legal business, which had then assumed large proportions, to busy himself in the organization of a new bank for the city of New Castle, allying himself closely with its interests as a stockholder in the new banking institution. He was the prime mover in the bank, which was legalized under the Federal Laws in 1892 as the Citizens' National Bank. Mr. Jameson has been the cashier ever since the bank's organization.

Mr. Jameson married Jessie Allen, daughter of Frank Allen of Hermitage, Mercer Co., Pa. They have three children: Elizabeth W.; David A.; and Jessie B.

EDWARD L. SMITH, ticket receiver of the P. Y. & A. division of the Pennsylvania Company, with headquarters and office in the depot at New Castle, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1860, and is a son of John W. and Annie (Lyndall) Smith, the latter a native of Philadelphia, and a daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Havenstrike) Lyndall.

William B. Lyndall was in early life a ship-carpenter, and worked in the government yards at Washington, D. C. Later in life, he moved to Philadelphia, where he was a carpenter and builder a few years, and then entered the field of mercantile business, in which he remained twenty-five years. He was a student of national affairs, and, foreseeing the inevitable conflict between the North and the South, he invested very heavily in muslins, beginning the accumulation of his stock as far back as 1856, when people

might have termed him visionary had they been aware of his purpose. To this stock he continually added as fast as circumstances and his own wealth would permit, so that when hostilities were entered into, his cellars and store-houses were packed with goods, which in the next few years of high prices he sold at handsome profits, realizing from six to seven times on the original cost. Many from whom he had purchased goods at a normal value came to him and offered him four times the price he had paid for goods that had never been unpacked. In 1866, he retired from business and for the succeeding six years lived in Montgomery County, some distance from Philadelphia, on a fine farm. In 1872, he moved back to the city, and made his home, until the time of his death in 1880, aged sixty-nine years, in the suburbs in Roxborough, now the Twenty-first Ward of Philadelphia. His father, William Lyndall, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and died when William B. was living in Washington. His mother survived her husband's death a number of years, and reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, passing away to join those gathered on the other shore of the River of Death in 1870. A brother of William B. Lyndall went to California in the early tide of gold seekers, and made that new country his permanent home until death removed him from the midst of his friends. He amassed a fine fortune for his descendants, who live in the State of their birth.

John W. Smith, the father of Edward L., was born in the southeastern part of the State in Montgomery County, probably near Sumneytown, in the year 1836, but died at an early age, Dec. 19, 1865. He was a son of John Smith,

who married a Miss Wonderlich. Not long after the war commenced, he enlisted in the service for the Union, but before he was mustered into the United States service he contracted a severe cold and subsequent illness, brought on by exposure, the recruits not being provided with adequate shelter; he was consequently excused from further duty. A year or two later in 1863, when he draft was in progress, he was one on whom the lot fell, but his previous rejection because of poor health sufficed to keep him from being sent to the front, which would most likely have proved fatal to one in his physical condition. During his short business career, he was a dealer in cigars and tobacco in the city of Philadelphia. He gathered about him a family of two children: Edward L. and Elizabeth L., the wife of Charles B. Thomas, a furniture dealer of Philadelphia.

After the death of his father, Edward L. Smith made his home with his grandfather, William B. Lyndall, of whom we have spoken above, and attended the country schools until his foster-parent moved to Roxborough, where beginning at the age of twelve years he attended two years at the Manayunk grammar school of that town. In 1874 he learned the candy trade, and for the three following years was engaged in it, but discontinued it at the end of that period because of failing health, brought on as he surmised by unhealthful features of the business. This view of it proved correct, for during the years 1877 and a part of 1878, he drove the wagon of a large bakery, and never enjoyed better health; accordingly he thought to resume his old business, but after about a year's work, he found that he must either give up that business or be-

come a permanent invalid. He chose the former alternative, and became a clerk in the office of the large woolen goods manufacturing company, of which Seville Schofield was the head, and continued with the firm a period of four years. On the seventh of January, 1884, he accepted the position of assistant in the office of the ticket-receiver of the Pennsylvania Company, with offices at Allegheny City, Pa. On June 1 of the following year, he was appointed ticket-receiver for the P. Y. & A. Division of the Pennsylvania Company, with headquarters in New Castle, in which city he has since made his home.

On Feb. 24, 1885, Mr. Smith was married in Philadelphia in the Fourth Reformed Church, by the Rev. Cornelius Schenk, to Annie M. McFadyen, a native of Philadelphia, and a daughter of James and Mary (Kells) McFadyen. The mother of Mary Kells passed away so late as the year 1894, having passed the 100th milestone of life's pilgrimage one month and two days. James McFadyen served with honor through the Civil War, and endured the horrors of Andersonville. On his release from prison he found that he had been discharged from the service as a deserter, and this so wounded his noble pride that he would never allow his friends to set about to correct the unfortunate error, nor would he do anything in the matter himself, preferring to let it remain as it was, not realizing that when he was thought to be a deserter and so discharged that the government had no means to ascertain the real cause of his absence, neither was there any way for it to learn that he was suffering a living death in a Southern prison pen.

Four children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Mary S., who died in infancy;

Bessie J.; Louisa E., who also died in infancy; and Amy L. Our subject and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church. Socially, Mr. Smith is an enthusiastic member of Masonic Orders, and belongs to Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter, No. 170, R. A. M., of which he is secretary; and Hiram Council, No. 45, in which he serves as recorder. He is also a member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics.

WILLIAM HILLIS MARSHALL. The subject of this sketch is one of the leading and best known men of Chewton, Wayne township, where he is engaged in conducting a general store under the firm name of William H. Marshall & Co. His birth occurred June 1, 1845. He grew up and worked with his father until he attained his majority, and then began teaching school. As he had lost his right arm in a threshing-machine he was unfitted for manual labor to any great extent, and so was thrown into other fields of labor. He sold sewing-machines for a while and in 1875 embarked in mercantile life in company with William O. Kirkland and Phillip Fisher, succeeding Jackson & Potter at Chewton. This venture proved successful and the trade of the new firm grew apace, thanks to the enterprise and energy of our subject and his partners. In 1895, the firm name was changed to William H. Marshall & Co., and the large general store, well stocked and fully equipped, continues to draw an ever increasing patronage. Mr. Marshall built a handsome modern home in 1892, and among the rest of his real estate

holdings, he has several tenement houses in Wampum. In 1883, the firm of which Mr. Marshall was a leading partner built a large lime kiln in Wayne township, and that was afterwards sold for a handsome consideration to the cement company. He still retains his interest in the sandstone quarry. They also owned and operated quarries on the McMillen, Allen and McQuiston farms. Mr. Marshall is a man of thorough-going business methods, clean dealing, and honest principles.

Mr. Marshall won for his wife Edna McMillen, whose father is William McMillen of Wayne township. They have one son, Hermon Everett, who is a student. Mr. Marshall is a Republican, and has held minor township offices, and has been director of the schools. The family unite with the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Marshall is a son of David C. and Margaret (Davidson) Marshall, grandson of John and Elizabeth Marshall and great-grandson of Hugh and Hannah Marshall. Hugh Marshall who was a native of northern Ireland, left the beautiful Emerald Isle at an early date and with his wife and children came to this country, making their first stopping-place in Pittsburg. From there Hugh Marshall in company with a Mr. Crawford set out for what is now Big Beaver township. They made a small clearing, but were hindered by the Indians to a great extent, and made little progress until William Penn made his memorable treaty with the Indians and bought the territory from them, by that act establishing peace between the savages and the advancing pioneers of civilization. There were four sons in this pioneer family: John, Robert, Hugh, and William, and the work of carrying on the im-

provements begun by Hugh Marshall fell to John, after his father's death.

In the course of time, by inheritance and by his own strong arm, John became the owner of four hundred acres of land, and was able to give to each of his sons a good farm of large dimensions. He was a stirring, hard-working pioneer, and brought about all the increase in his worldly possessions by his own efforts. He lived to the age of seventy-five, while his wife had reached the age of seventy-eight when she was called to lay down life's burdens and enter into rest. Their children were: David C., our subject's father; John; Marvin, who lives on the homestead; Margaret; and Hugh James. Mr. Marshall served in the War of 1812 as a private, being stationed at Fort Erie.

David C. Marshall spent his boyhood days and youth at home, and when he came of age he bought the Roberson farm of 104 acres, a great portion of which he cleared in the subsequent years of his occupancy. In 1857 he built a home on it, and made the whole place to take on a spirit of thrift and prosperity, adding extensive barns in 1873, and completing many other important improvements. He has had large interests in sheep-raising, but of late years because of the low tariff on wool, which has taken away a chance of profit in that industry, he has paid more attention to dairying and to grain producing. At the present time, because of the weight of his years, being in his eighty-second year, he rents the farm, and is leading a life that is to all intents and purpose retired.

Our subject's mother, Mrs. Margaret (Davidson) Marshall, whose father was a native of Ireland, was born in Beaver Co., Pa., July 1, 1815,

and passed away July 5, 1895. The children in the parental family are as follows: Elizabeth Jane, who has devoted herself to caring for her parents in their declining years, and who is now keeping house for her father; John, whose biography is spread on another page of this work; Sarah Margaret, who married I. T. Spangler, and is now demised; Andrew, who died at the age of six; William Hillis, the subject of this narration; Mary M.; and Nancy Rachel, who died in girlhood. Originally, David C. Marshall was a Whig, but since the war he has been faithful to the principles of the Republican party. He has held various offices of trust in the township, and is a strong, virile character. It is scarcely necessary to say that this upright man and good citizen is receiving his just reward in the appreciation of his many friends and neighbors.

JOHN C. OFFUTT, president of the firm of Offutt, White & Co., the leading furniture dealers of the city of New Castle, was born Oct. 15, 1847, in Plain Grove township, Lawrence Co., Pa. Our subject spent his boyhood days at home with his parents, and at the age of eighteen went to Youngstown, Ohio, where he clerked for a year, and acquired needful experience in business methods. He then went into business for himself at Volant, this county, handling general merchandise, and was burned out only about a year after he opened the store. He was next in business in Sharon, Pa., where he remained until 1873, disposing of his interests then, and as times were slack did not again en-



WILLIAM JOHN STEVELY SMITH.

gage in business until 1882. In that year he launched a mercantile venture in Clarksville, and continued it until 1887, when he sold out his interests to White & McKinney. In the spring of 1887, Mr. Offutt became associated with the firm of Dunn & Co. of New Castle, which firm did an extensive business in furniture; after a year and a half's connection with the firm, he bought out Mr. Dunn, and the firm name was changed to Offutt & Co., and remained so until 1893, when Mr. White was taken into the firm, and it now stands as Offutt, White & Co., funeral directors and furniture dealers.

Mr. Offutt is a son of John Offutt, and a grandson of John Offutt, Sr., who was a Quaker, and the first representative of the Offutt family in America; he settled in the State of Maryland. His wife was a daughter of Captain Cook, the commander of the sailing vessel which brought him over. Four children were born to them, as follows: Nathan; James; George; and John. Our subject's father was born in Maryland, and came to Lawrence County some little time previous to his marriage; he located in Plain Grove township, and engaged in farming. His wife, Margaret Patterson, died July 20, 1878, aged seventy-six years. He followed her to the land beyond the river just two months later, dying Sept. 20, 1878, aged seventy-eight years. Their children were: Nancy (Lowrey); Mary J. (Streeter); Susan (Hamilton); Elizabeth (Brown); James; Martha (Martin); Caroline (Rice); Thomas P.; and John C., our subject.

John C. Offutt married Louisa E. Bovard, daughter of Hutchinson Bovard of Plain Grove township. They have two children, Martha H. and Frank B.

MRS. R. EMELINE SMITH is a highly respected resident of Perry township, this county. She was a daughter of Samuel Armstrong, and a grand-daughter of Alexander Armstrong, who was a citizen of Washington Co., Pa. She is the widow of the late William J. S. Smith, whose memory is still green with the citizens of Perry township.

Alexander Armstrong, after reaching maturity, bought a farm near New Castle, and married Catherine Taylor, who presented him in the course of their married life these children: Rebecca; Betsey E.; Marguerite; Samuel, the father of Mrs. Smith; John; Alexander, Jr.; and James. Mr. Armstrong continued to live on his farm, and supervise its cultivation until his death at the age of seventy-four.

Samuel Armstrong lived during the earlier years of his life in Washington County, and later he purchased 170 acres near Pleasant Hill, Perry township, Lawrence County. Being a man of practical ideas and good judgment, he soon surrounded himself with modern improvements, among which was a commodious new house where he lived until 1867, when he passed away at the age of seventy. His wife was Isabella Walker, a daughter of Robert Walker, a native Pennsylvanian, and the following children were the fruits of their union: Robert W.; Eliza J.; Margaret S.; Isabella B.; John A.; Samuel P.; James T.; and Rebecca Emeline, whose name figures as the title of this sketch.

Our subject's husband, William J. S. Smith, was a son of John Smith, who married Elizabeth Stewart, a grandson of James Smith, who was an Irish linen manufacturer, and great-grandson of Richard Smith, who removed from Scotland

to Ireland. He was a stanch Covenanter. John Smith came to America when a young man in 1822 and settled in Jefferson Co., New York, where he taught school some years; he afterwards became the proprietor of a farm near Bloomington, Ill.; his death took place at the age of seventy, at Morning Sun, Iowa. William John Stevely Smith, husband of Mrs. R. Emeline Smith, was born in Jefferson Co., N. Y., and spent his early boyhood days in Beaver Co., Pa., later removing with his parents to the State of Illinois. When a young man he was engaged as fireman on a steamer plying on the Mississippi River between Cairo and New Orleans. His subsequent history varies to a large extent from that of the ordinary individual, for he became fired by the wonderful stories of gold discoveries in the West, and although only a youth of eighteen years he turned his face toward the Golden Gate. Fortune was kind enough to smile on his endeavors, and he succeeded in accumulating a sufficient quantity of the precious metal to make him a wealthy man. He then bought a farm of 160 acres near Dixon, California, upon which some improvements had been made, which were continued by him with painstaking care; as a result of his foresight and excellent judgment, he was able to dispose of his land at a considerable advance in price, his speculation proving entirely successful. He then returned to the home of his youth, and invested in 133 acres of land in Perry township, Lawrence County, and that property has continued to be the family home since that time. A large and comfortable house was erected, which was followed by a barn and other buildings necessary in carrying on a farm. Mr. Smith

made a specialty of stock, and owned horses, cattle, sheep and hogs of excellent grades. When it came to expressing his preferences and exercising his right of suffrage in an election, he invariably voted the straight Republican ticket. His life closed at the age of sixty-eight. His first wife was Eliza Vance, and their children were: Nancy, Watson Vance, Ira S., and Ella E. By his later marriage to Rebecca E. Armstrong, there were added to the household these four children: Maggie, Leland S., Audley R., and John A.

Mrs. R. Emeline Smith, whose parentage and life has been outlined together with that of her husband's, is well known in the vicinity of her home as a woman of kindly impulses, and as one who is well-endowed by nature to be that greatest of blessings—a good mother; such a place in home life well filled is of more intrinsic worth than many a position more prominently before the public eye. The portrait of the late William John Stevely Smith is presented on a preceding page.

WILLIAM PARSHALL, an esteemed resident and justice of the peace of Wampum, Big Beaver township, Lawrence County, who in addition to his official duties is carrying on a successful business as a prominent lawyer, and as an insurance agent, was born in Springfield township, Mercer Co., Pa. He was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilkin) Parshall. Joseph Parshall was probably born east of the mountains in Lackawanna County, in 1822, and was

a son of William and Jane (Hawthorn) Parshall; William Parshall was of Scotch origin, and took part in the War of 1812, afterwards following the life of a farmer, and living to a good old age. Our subject's father was a stone-cutter by trade and worked at that trade for thirty-seven years, when his lungs became so affected with the dust made by his chisel that he went west to seek his health in the mountain climate of Wyoming; the disease proved too serious to be remedied, and he died in Virginia City in 1874, aged fifty-two years. He was a United Presbyterian in church matters, and a member of the Masonic brotherhood. Mrs. Elizabeth (Wilkin) Parshall, mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of William and Sarah (Harlan) Wilkin, the latter a daughter of William Harlan, an Englishman, who was a hatter by trade. William Wilkin was also an Englishman; he followed the occupation of a miller and died at the age of seventy-five. His wife was a member of the Baptist Church.

William Parshall, whose biography is herein set forth, was born and raised in Mercer County and attended school until he was eighteen. He was an ambitious lad, and wished to prepare himself for one of the learned professions, and so became a student in Westminster College; in 1872 at the end of four years he completed the scientific course. Having been enrolled as a student in the office of Griffith & Mason for a year previous to his graduation, he now put himself wholly under their direction, and after one year's faithful work in reading law was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania in the spring term of court. He opened an office for himself in Mercer, where he stayed until 1879, when he left for David City, Butler Co., Neb., where he practiced two years,

and then returned to his native State. Upon once more becoming a resident of the Keystone State, he selected Wampum as a suitable location, and he has never had cause to regret his decision. In 1890, he was elected justice of the peace, and received an indorsement of his good services by an additional term of five years in 1895. In addition to his legal work, Mr. Parshall is the agent of several of the oldest and strongest insurance companies in the field.

On Feb. 26, 1874 in New Castle, occurred the ceremonies that united for life our subject and his wife Eliza J. Nelson of Mercer Co., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Daniels) Nelson, who are highly respected people of Lawrence County. Mr. and Mrs. Parshall are the parents of four children, whose names are: Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. William J. Miller of Wampum; Beriah G.; Clark M.; and Elta J. Mrs. Parshall is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Our subject has been faithful to his duty as a citizen and has not missed one election since he cast his first ballot in 1870. He is a Republican, and was chief burgess of Wampum for seven years. He was formerly an Odd Fellow, and is now a member of Wampum Council, No. 226, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Parshall is a gentleman who takes a deep interest in the growth and the development of the community in which he resides, and he may always be found aiding and assisting any movement that is calculated to further its interest. He is whole-souled, affable and kind-hearted, never turning a deaf ear to real charity, and ranks among the foremost citizens of Wampum as well as Lawrence County.

GEORGE H. MEHARD, M. D., the leading physician of Wampum, Big Beaver township, Lawrence County, has achieved a satisfactory degree of success in the practice of his profession in the above borough, and being still classed as a young man has a roseate future in store for him. He has been successful in gaining a good patronage in and about Wampum, and has given the people substantial reason to feel confidence in his ability as a physician. He was born Sept. 22, 1857 in Wurtemberg, this county, and was the youngest of eleven children born to Robert and Christiana (Liebendorfer) Mehard. His mother, when a child, was brought by her parents from Wurtemberg, Germany.

Robert Mehard, the Doctor's father, was a son of the Emerald Isle, his birth occurring in County Antrim, town of Lairn, in the northern part of Ireland in the year 1813. Three years later he was brought to the United States by his parents, James and Mary Mehard, who lived for a time in Philadelphia, removing thence to Wurtemberg. There the elder Mehard followed his trade, that of a millwright, and departed this life when he was aged eighty-six years; he taught his trade to his son Robert, who made it his life-work. Both father and son belonged to the United Presbyterian Church. Robert was a Whig during the life of that party, and on its dissolution transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, whose standard he ever afterward supported. He served as county commissioner for fourteen years. He was seventy-five years of age when called to his reward in 1888.

Dr. Mehard's education was commenced in the district schools of his native town. Being ambitious and of a studious turn of mind, he

succeeded in obtaining a college education, entering Washington and Jefferson College at the age of seventeen, and graduating in the spring of 1879. His desire for knowledge was still unsatisfied, and his decision to study medicine prepared the way for his entrance to the Cleveland Medical College in the following fall; his graduation took place two years later. A course in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia completed a thorough equipment in 1882, and he at once opened an office in Wurtemberg. He remained in his native town nine years, when he became attracted by the advantageous location of Wampum, whither he removed, and immediately took his station as one of the best physicians of Lawrence County. Dr. Mehard has built his excellent reputation on his conscientious efforts and on his wide experience and surpassing skill in medical lines. He keeps abreast of the times by judicious and exhaustive reading of the latest medical works, but at the same time does not disdain to employ a method that has proven successful for many years, nor to conduct his general practice on well-established lines, believing it to be for the interest of his patients to refrain from employing rather doubtful procedures.

Dr. Mehard clings to the traditions of his fathers, and is a true-blue Republican. He is a member of three fraternal orders: Mahoning Lodge of New Castle, No. 243, F. & A. M.; Wampum Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and Wampum Lodge, No. 240, Knights of Pythias. In his civic relations, our subject performs whatever duties fall to him in a cheerful, obliging manner, and is ever ready to exert himself in furthering the prosperity of his town or the county.

FRANK A. BLACKSTONE, a very successful and able attorney-at-law of New Castle, Lawrence County, is a son of Samuel Blackstone, grandson of James Blackstone, and great-grandson of Samuel Blackstone, Sr., who lived just north of New Wilmington in Mercer Co., Pa. James Blackstone, one of four sons born to Samuel Blackstone, Sr., was born in Mercer County, and early in life moved to Greenfield, where he lived, engaged in agricultural pursuits, the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty. His life-companion, Nancy Waugh, lived to be over eighty years old and bore him the following children: Thomas H.; Samuel, our subject's father; John; and Hannah (Zahnizer).

Our subject's father was born near Greenfield, Mercer Co., Pa., in 1826. He located on a farm near the Blackstone homestead, and lived there all his life, dying Sept. 16, 1881. He married Susanna Keiffer, who was a native of Northampton Co., Pa.; she was taken to her long home in 1893 at the age of sixty-six years. Their religious principles and rules of life were those advocated by the Presbyterian Church. Three children were born to them, as follows: Frank A.; Nannie L.; and J. Norman.

Frank A. Blackstone was born in Mercer County, Sept. 15, 1853. His common school education was obtained in the district schools, and he was advanced at the State Normal and at Westminster College, graduating from the latter institution in the class of 1881. The expenses of his college education was partly borne by the salary he received from teaching eight terms of school in the vicinity of his home. He studied law under Col. O. L. Jackson, and was admitted to the bar of Lawrence County in 1883. He re-

mained in the Colonel's office about five years, while that gentleman was in Congress, and in 1888 he opened an office for himself in the Clendennin Block, later moved to the Woods Block in 1890, and in 1891 came to his present location at No. 72 Pittsburg Street. Politically he is a Democrat. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the Western District in 1885; he was admitted to the bar of Mercer County in 1888; to the bar of Allegheny County, in 1893; and to the bar of the Courts of the Interior in 1890.

DR. JOHN A. BLAIR, secretary of the Lawrence County Medical Society, and a leading member of the medical circles of New Castle, was born in Washington township, this county, Oct. 7, 1855, and is a son of John and Ellen (Guildoo) Blair of Mercer Co., Pa.

James Blair, the grandfather of Dr. Blair, was a native of Pennsylvania, and followed the honorable calling of an agriculturist all the years of his life that he was engaged in laboring. To him and his wife were born the following children: Robert; James; Irvin; Alex.; William; Margaret; and Polly. In their religious belief they were Methodists.

John Blair, Jr., was also a farmer by occupation, as was his father before him, and followed it the latter part of his life, his younger years being spent at the trade of a cabinet-maker; his death occurred March 9, 1891, when he was aged sixty-seven years. He was a Methodist in his religious attachments. There were given to him and his wife the following children: Mar-

tha; Lovina; John A., our subject; Emma; Lorenzo; Mary; and Joseph. Martha married Robert Ryhal and has one child, Maud. Lovina married John Phillip of New Castle, Pa. Emma married John Dann. Mary became the wife of John Ward.

John A. Blair received his early mental training in the schools of Pennsylvania and Missouri, in which States his parents had been residents at various times in his boyhood. When he became a young man, he returned to Pennsylvania and entered the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa., and, after receiving a thorough training in that institution, he taught in the district schools for four years, and in 1881 read medicine with Dr. Mont Linville, the well-known physician of New Castle, for one year. He then became a student in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated from that excellent medical school in 1890. He also took a special course in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat at the same college, remaining there one year for that purpose. In February, 1891, he located in New Castle, Pa., where he has met with commendable success in his practice, which he has taken great pains to extend. His office practice is large and lucrative and claims a considerable share of his time. After two years' practice he spent some time in the hospitals in London and Liverpool, England. He is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Society, and is at present its secretary. He is a firm Republican. Socially, he is a member of Shenango Lodge, No. 195, I. O. O. F.; Knights of Pythias, New Castle Lodge, No. 404; Protected Home Circle, New Castle Circle, No. 5; Knights of the Maccabees, New Castle Tent,

No. 230; Sons of Veterans, Oscar L. Jackson Camp, No. 249; and is also a member of the tribe of Ben Hur.

In 1891, Dr. Blair united his fortunes with those of Luella Muntz, daughter of Jacob Muntz of Centerville, Butler Co., Pa., and to them have been given to rear two children: C. Hugh and Victor J. Dr. and Mrs. Blair are members of the M. E. Church, and are held in high esteem in that organization as efficient workers.

In 1897, Dr. Blair spent two months traveling through the Western States, to the coast in California up to Washington. He came home by the way of Nebraska, where he purchased a ranch and herd of cattle, which he left in the charge of his brother Lorenzo, who is living there.

HENRY B. RENO. Of the prominent citizens of Lawrence County the gentleman whose name heads this sketch occupies a position of consequence. He is descended from the old and well-known family of that name. His paternal grandfather, Francis Reno, who was an Episcopal clergyman, was born in New Jersey, Feb. 7, 1757. Jesse, the eleventh child of Francis and Lydia Reno, was born in 1807, and Henry B. Reno, the present scion of the family, began his life Sept. 21, 1833.

The grandfather, Rev. Francis Reno, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in 1758, and settled near Rochester, Pa. His wife was Lydia Savors, born Sept. 16, 1764. A numerous family came to be reared under their fostering care:



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John; Elizabeth; Charles; Lewis; William; Nancy; James; Thomas; Francis; Susan; Jesse; and Lydia. Rev. Reno was a man of strong conviction of principles, and by his position was enabled to do much good in the community.

Jesse Reno was born, as before stated, in 1807, and after some time spent in school, he learned the tanner's trade, and divided his time between that trade and farming after he settled in Jefferson township, Mercer County. He rose to be a personage of considerable importance and was a life-long Republican, his first vote going for John C. Fremont for President; although he was versed and active in politics, he did not pose as an office-holder. Jesse Reno stood before the hymeneal altar with Elizabeth Bebout, a daughter of Peter Bebout, and ten children were the result of this union: Abner L.; Henry B.; Francis A.; Catherine J.; Lydia A.; John L.; Addie E.; Rebecca M.; Perry A.; and Luella M. In matters of religious interest, the family was attached to the M. E. Church.

Henry B. Reno was sent to school to acquire the rudiments of an education. He was engaged in agrarian pursuits when in 1854 he went to Iowa and spent two years, and in 1856 went to California, remaining there until 1871, when he returned to Pulaski township, and associated himself with his brothers in the manufacture of Reno's French umber filler. The umber is mined on the farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Reno, and the product is sent over the United States and Canada. This quality of umber is used throughout the States and Canada for various purposes, but is chiefly employed in filling in coach, car and locomotive work, and is also used to some extent in safe work. Mr. Reno is espe-

cially adapted to business life, and oversees his mill and a large farm where stock is raised. He is a stirring active character, and has depended on himself to build his financial credit, with the satisfactory result that he has reached a flattering degree of success.

On Oct. 7, 1880, Mr. Reno entered into a marriage contract with Mary E. Hey, a daughter of John Hey of East Brook, Pa.; she was born in Bath, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Reno are faithful and consistent members of the M. E. Church, where they have a large circle of warm friends. Mr. Reno holds a membership in the A. O. U. W. of Pulaski, where he is a leading light.

REV. MOSES C. ALEXANDER. The ministerial profession in Lawrence County includes among its members as earnest, learned, and able Christian gentlemen as may be found in any part of the State. The early history of this section is inseparably linked with the history of the early churches, which came into being as soon as there were a few of the same mind who could gather together and worship their Maker as their consciences dictated. The excellent moral tone that is so evident in all the circles of society and among all classes is directly traceable to the influence of the Christian organizations of all denominations that have indeed performed a worthy work in rearing generations that fear God and love their fellow-men. Rev. Moses C. Alexander, the gentleman whose name is the title of this life review, and whose portrait accompanies this sketch on the opposite page, is

the beloved and esteemed pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Harlansburg, Pa., and as such exerts a powerful influence for good in his own community in Scott township and in regions contiguous to his own residence and field of work. His preparation and consecration for the work of winning and bringing souls under the Standard of the Cross dates farther back than his own birth, for his father and grandfather before him were both zealous workers in the Master's vineyard.

Our subject was born in Cecil Co., Md., Jan. 24, 1859, and was a son of Rev. John T. and Annie E. (Sherwood) Alexander, and grandson of Rev. William T. Alexander. The latter was a native of England and came to America before his marriage in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in the northern part of the State of Maryland, where he was mainly engaged in following pursuits of an agricultural nature, especially in the late years of his career. He was educated for the ministry, and as an expounder of the blessed truths of the Gospel he passed the years of his early manhood. He was an intelligent, far-seeing man, and in his business affairs was very fortunate, accumulating a handsome property, and being considered a very prosperous and well-to-do gentleman for that time. He married Margaret Sleigal, a native of Ireland, and to him and his wife were born the following named children: William J.; Robert E.; George W.; James A.; Justus; Rev. John T., our subject's father; Mary A.; and Julia D. His death took place in 1801, when he was aged about seventy-eight years. His wife crossed the River of Death to join those gone on before in

1812, when she had attained an age of seventy-five years. Our subject's grandfather was a minister of the M. E. faith.

Rev. John T. Alexander was educated in the common schools of his native town in Maryland, and after completing his elementary education pursued a further course in theology in Dickinson College, located in York Co., Pa., in the vicinity of Harrisburg. His ordination took place when he was twenty-five years of age in 1842, and he preached thereafter the remainder of his life, his death occurring July 7, 1868. He belonged to the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, and became very prominent in religious circles, especially of his native State. His first charge was in Harford, Harford Co., Md.; his second in Elk Neck, Cecil Co., Md.; his third in Towson, Baltimore Co., Md.; his fourth in Baltimore City, Md., where he was pastor of the old Fayette Church. He was then transferred into northeast Maryland, but finally returned to Elk Neck, where his demise took place. His wife, Annie E., was a daughter of Phillip F. and Mary (Ward) Sherwood of Baltimore, Md. Their union resulted in the children whose record is given below: Charles P. is deceased; John T. married Louisa A. Shallcross of Cecil Co., Md.; Horatio S. married Myram Jenny of Cecil County, and has three children: Walter, Frederick, and Annie B.; Alonzo F. is deceased; Joseph R. married Mary Leithead of Philadelphia, Pa., and has a family of three, consisting of Mary E., Bessie C., and Smith T.; James A., now deceased, married Susanna Baldwin of Harford Co., Md.; Annie E. became the wife of Joseph Coslett of Cecil Co., Md., and bore him this family, Grace L., Roy E., John T., Albert J., Florence M., and

Ruth M.; Alonzo I. is unmarried; Moses C. is the subject of this personal history; Rev. Aaron I. married Catherine McNealy of Greene Co., Pa., and their children number three, Edward E., J. Clark, and Nora H.; Mary L., the youngest of the family, is now deceased. Mrs. John T. Alexander still survives her husband and enjoys a contented life, full of manifold blessings, at the home of her son, Rev. Moses C. Alexander.

The early education of Mr. Alexander was received in the schools of Cecil Co., Md.; he graduated at the West Nottingham Presbyterian College in 1880, and during the two following years attended the Louisville Theological Seminary, from which institution he received his degree in 1882. His first pastorate was at Mount Rocky, Chester Co., Pa., where he remained one year, after which he filled out a year's service in the church at Wrightsdale, Lancaster Co., Pa. He then removed to Welsburg, Brook Co., W. Va., where his pastoral duties detained him for two years. In 1887, he moved to Wheeling, W. Va., where he was ordained a minister of the Baptist faith, after which he accepted a call to the Harvey Church of Greene Co., Pa. In 1889, he moved to Columbia, N. J., where he labored in the field until 1891, when he returned to Wheeling, where he took the last course in bible theology. Now thoroughly equipped as a minister of the Baptist persuasion he returned to Columbia, N. J., where he remained until 1895, when he came to Harlansburg, Pa., and took charge of his present pastorate, in which he has been very successful and has had his zealous efforts for the good and betterment of the community crowned with the best of results. His work is well planned, and he is able to get through with

a large amount of work, because of the great amount of experience that he has had in religious circles. Broad in his views, sincere and outspoken in his attitudes on living questions that concern the life and welfare of the people, and zealous and earnest in all that he sets his hand and his heart to, he is a man whose influence is felt on all sides, and one who will leave a lasting impression on his community.

On April 28, 1897, Mr. Alexander led to the altar Mary B. Davis, daughter of George L. and Mary (Boone) Davis of Glasgow, Cambria Co., Pa., and made her his wife. They live in a pleasant home where they delight to entertain their parishioners and to extend a hearty welcome to all who honor them with their presence.

WILLIAM C. MARTIN, living near Volant in Washington township, Lawrence Co., Pa., belongs to the younger generation of men who have taken upon their shoulders the responsibility of caring for the broad acres of sunny hills and fertile dales, that their sires and their grand-sires hewed out of the all-covering wilderness. Lawrence County has been developed at a rapid rate since the nineteenth century came into being, and all the ground that was once gained has been well held with never a backward step. Mr. Martin, the subject of this history, first saw the light of day in Wilmington township, Nov. 15, 1846. He attended the schools of his native place, and as soon as he arrived at suitable years, he began his chosen vocation of tilling the soil. He labored first in Wilmington township, and

later on he partly bought and partly inherited his present estate, where he is to-day residing, a prosperous, careful and worthy representative of Nature's noblest calling.

Mr. Martin's grandfather came to this country in 1805, and settled on the farm, where his descendants now live and prosper, and departed this life there at the advanced age of eighty-two, having followed agricultural pursuits all of his life. The original farm comprised over 400 acres, and was splendidly situated. Our subject's grandfather made many marked improvements in the property, the large brick house being one of special note. He married a Miss Agnes Martin, and to them seven children were given: Mary; Elizabeth; Thomas; George; David; John; and James. Politically, Mr. Martin was a Democrat, and in religious matters was a Seceder.

James Martin, the father of William C., received a good education in the district schools, and when a young man inherited from his father the farm in Washington township of 126 acres. He held this place for five years, during which time he put it in first-class shape, and was able to realize handsomely from it, when he finally disposed of it to his son, William C. Throughout his life he was a prominent citizen, and took a live interest in all affairs of a public nature. On the question of human slavery, he was a pronounced Abolitionist, and his voice was ever raised in behalf of the black slave. He was a sincere Christian gentleman, and was for years an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. He left this world at the age of sixty. He married a daughter of John Mills of Mercer County. They had nine children, by name: William C.,

our subject; John M.; Mellisa; Amanda; Agnes; Elizabeth; Norman; Joseph; and Eva.

William C. Martin has followed through life the main pursuit of general agriculture, but his specialty, however, has been that of raising fine stock, and he is one of the men who has made Lawrence County famous on that score. His wife, Emma, is a daughter of Henry Humphrey of Mercer County, and she has made him a happy father by the births of seven children, all living, as follows: William O.; Harvey E.; Luella; John C.; James W.; Ada; and Thomas. Another daughter, Nettie, was taken from them at an early age.

Mr. Martin is in all matters of a progressive and liberal turn of mind. What he has to do he performs in a thorough and systematic manner. He is a strict adherent to the principles of the Republican party, and along the lines of religious activity favors the Presbyterian Church. He has never been found wanting in the elements that go to make up the most valuable kind of man and citizen.

SAMUEL L. WICK, an enterprising and prosperous merchant of Wurtemberg, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in Butler Co., Pa., Sept. 11, 1859, and began his education in the district schools, when he arrived at a suitable age. He continued his studies in Grove City College in Mercer Co., and finding himself well adapted to educational work, and fonder of teaching than of the routine work of the farm, he took up that calling, and for fourteen years devoted his energies to planting the seeds of knowledge in youth-

ful minds, his field of labor lying in Butler County. Finally, when even teaching became irksome to him, a fine business opportunity presented itself, and he left the work in which he had been engaged for so many years, and entered upon a mercantile career in Wurtemberg, where he is at present conducting a well-appointed general store that has proved quite a money-maker. That Mr. Wick has been so successful is due to his ability to anticipate the wants of the community and to supply almost their every need in a courteous, urbane manner that gives offense to none, and attracts those who would find an agreeable salesman. He is perfectly acquainted with business forms and methods, for before he undertook teaching he had received instruction in Duff's Commercial College in Pittsburg, Pa. He chose for his wife Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of Solomon Fisher of West Liberty, Pa., and she is the mother of one son, Charles. The family are members of the M. E. Church, and may be found among its most regular attendants and most earnest supporters. Mr. Wick is a thorough Republican, believing that the protection of home industry is of advantage to the business circles of the land. He has not had reason to regret his change of occupation, as mercantile life offers many inducements to the man who is wide-awake and alert to the main opportunity.

Mr. Wick's father was William S. Wick, who was bound by close ties to Butler Co., Pa., for there he first saw the light and there he passed the years of his boyhood and then of his manhood. He purchased land near what is known as the "Old Stone Tavern," and established himself thereon, paying especial attention to stock-

raising, and chiefly to breeding a fine grade of Short-horn cattle. He retained possession of this farm, and was active in carrying on the work until his death at the age of fifty-one. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Andrew Turke, a native of Butler County; she bore him these children, eleven in number: John; Sarah; Perry; Jennie; W. S., Jr.; Samuel L., whose biography is given above; Wesley E.; Martha; Ada; Emma; and Myra. Our subject's grandfather was John Wick of Westmoreland Co., Pa., who was a hardy farmer, and attended to the duties of his farm up to a few months before his death at the age of seventy-seven.

JOHN B. HAZEN is a well-to-do real estate dealer and farmer of Hazel Dell, Wayne township, Lawrence Co., who was born in North Sewickley, Beaver Co., Pa., Feb. 13, 1835. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Hazen, and a grandson of Joseph and Martha (Burdick) Hazen.

His grandfather, Joseph, followed farming as a means of securing a livelihood, and served in the War of 1812 at Fort Erie. The grandparents, who lived to a good old age, surrounded themselves with this family: Benjamin; Daniel; Louis; Peter; John; Polly; Eunice; and Sarah.

The fifth son of the foregoing family, John by name, was born in North Sewickley, Beaver Co., Pa., and inherited the homestead, as it had devolved upon him as the youngest son to care for his parents and remain at home; to the original tract of land, he gradually added plot after

plot as circumstances would permit until he owned 300 acres. He raised stock to a great extent, and in all his farming used advanced, progressive methods. At the age of fifty-five he was attacked with quick consumption, and he yielded his life in the struggle. His wife, when fifty-eight, succumbed to the same dread disease. Of their children, Martha died in infancy and Joseph's demise occurred at the age of seventeen; James B. settled in Iowa; Andrew lives on the homestead; John B. is the personage of chief interest in this sketch; Mary Ann married T. Gillespie; and Samuel and Theodore died in childhood. Mr. Hazen was a strong Democrat and held several of the township offices.

John B. Hazen took charge of the farm at seventeen, and was very successful in its management. After attaining his majority he served a number of years as constable. On April 22, 1857, Mr. Hazen was joined in hymeneal bonds to Sarah M. Beatty, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Mahard) Beatty of Beaver County. Mr. Beatty was a carpenter and boat-builder, and after his wife's early death he moved to Clayton, Iowa, where he engaged in farming and made that State his home until his death at sixty years. Of his children, William and Mary dying in infancy, Mrs. Hazen alone grew to adult years. After the marriage of our subject and wife, Mr. Hazen occupied the homestead, and still owns the farm; he was twice burned out, but each time he rebuilt. In 1862, Mr. Hazen enlisted for three years' service in Co. B, 14th Reg. Pa. Vol. Cav., and received a thigh wound at the Battle of Chambersburg, and that is the reason for the pension he receives. Indeed, he had many narrow escapes in his service as a cavalryman, his

horse was shot dead under him at Rocky Gap, Va., and he escaped from the enemy in the shadows of a friendly thicket that grew near by. Such a record is not in the possession of every citizen, and those whose lives were endangered are receiving day by day, a little tardy it may be, the recognition due to them for their hard service. Mr. Hazen came to Ellwood City in 1881, and bought the McGregor farm of seventy-five acres, and in 1890 was the first to see the wisdom of selling land to the Pittsburg Company for the founding of a city. He exhibited sterling good sense by selling at a reasonably fair price, and urged others to pursue the same course. Having played a prominent part in the city's affairs since the idea was suggested to him, Mr. Hazen has seen the plan for a city unfold from a paper origin and blossom out in reality, itself. On the land he once owned are located manufactories, a bank, a church, and numerous dwelling houses. Having disposed of his property on the site of Ellwood City, Mr. Hazen looked around for another farm, and found a tract of 100 acres in Hazel Dell quite to his taste, and to that he added ten acres of the J. C. Johnson farm; in 1891, he built his present home. A piece of land, twenty-five acres in extent, was purchased of Samuel Parker, and a coal mine opened, which is now leased to other parties who work it. A limestone quarry was another interest that he developed and then leased. From his farm he has laid out 130 lots. Another farm of 135 acres in Butler County is his property, and Mrs. Hazen owns tenements in East Vale, Pa.

The following children came to the home: Alice J., deceased at the age of thirty-three, married John Dempsey, and bore him Arvilla and a



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son that died in infancy; Francis J. died at the age of thirty-nine; Elmer wedded Orpha Boyer, and they have Lafayette, Ella M., Maggie and Olive; Mary became the wife of Allison Newton, and they have two sons, John H., and Homer H.; James B. married Sadie Boyer; Judith B. became the helpmeet of L. L. Wilson and had Laura B., Gene C., Nellie L. and John B.; Nora O. lives at home; Nathan and Homer are the youngest of the family now living; and Jessie A., the baby of the household, who died in childhood. Mr. Hazen is a good Democrat, and is a member of the G. A. R. Post No. 164 of Beaver Falls, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen command the highest respect and esteem of their friends not only in the Baptist Church, but wherever they choose to go they are cordially assured a place of honor, and many warm greetings.

REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D. D., of Mt. Jackson, North Beaver township, has been engaged in the blessed work of the Master for the past thirty-seven years, preaching and ministering to the spiritual needs of his flock in the Westfield Presbyterian Church, near Mt. Jackson, ever since his ordination and installation there on June 12, 1861. Such long and faithful service in one community is worthy of special notice, and we therefore take pleasure in presenting the salient points of his life, adding to such an account whatever other facts of interest present themselves to us, which will enlist the attention and consideration of those who chance to read this volume.

Rev. Mr. Taylor was born in Little Beaver township, Lawrence County, March 4, 1834, and was a son of Samuel and Charity (Mercer) Taylor, and grandson of William and Ann (Wilson) Taylor. His grandfather was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and about the year 1799, when approximately twenty years of age, came to America, and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Later in life, with horse and wagon to carry the household effects, he crossed the mountains with his family, and became a resident of Beaver County, near the present site of New Galilee, Pa. As a means of securing a livelihood, he worked out for the farmers thereabouts, and being blessed with a strong constitution and economically disposed, it was not long before he bought a farm near Enon Valley, Pa., and later became possessor of the property known as the Reagan farm, located on Beaver Dam, where he spent his last days in peace and comfort; he was born in 1777, and died at the age of seventy-nine. His wife lived to be eighty-four years old. The children that came to them in the course of their wedded life were: John; Joseph W.; Mary; Samuel; Martha; Ann; William; Nancy; Sarah; Thomas; and Eleanor.

Samuel Taylor was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania in Northumberland County, and in his younger years learned the potter's trade, but left this vocation to engage in agricultural pursuits. He bought a farm in Little Beaver township, and was interested in general farming the remainder of his life, dying when over eighty years of age, in 1888, his birth having occurred April 9, 1806. He was a Whig, and later went with the greater part of that political organization into the Republican party, of which he was

a loyal member and active partisan; he served Lawrence County two terms as associate judge. He remained faithful to the teachings and doctrines of the Disciple Church. Fifteen children in all were born to him, and the most of them grew up to maturity, and lived to be an honor of the communities where they lived as upright, progressive citizens. The record reads thus: William M., the subject of this notice; Ann, who died soon after her marriage; John P.; Thomas C.; Harriet J.; Samuel S.; Daniel W.; Martha E.; Joseph I.; Enos M.; Lee; Lucretia; Matilda; Addie; and an infant, deceased.

William M. Taylor from the district schools and academies went to Jefferson College, from which institution he graduated with honor in 1858; he then pursued a theological course, preparatory to entering the ministry in the Western Theological Seminary of Allegheny, Pa., graduating in 1861. Before this, however, April 19, 1860, he was licensed to preach, and so it was with some measure of preparation and experience that he was ordained a minister and installed as the pastor of the Westfield Presbyterian Church near Mt. Jackson, June 12, 1861. His pastorate has been continuous and uninterrupted from that time to this, and he has been the chosen instrument for bringing many into the fold and membership of the church. The church is very old, the date of its organization being 1803; to-day it has a membership of 326, a very large number for a country church, and an index of the good work that Mr. Taylor has conducted. In 1862, he was instrumental in having a new church edifice built; this was destroyed by fire Jan. 8, 1872, and was replaced by a new and elegant structure, which was dedica-

ted to the Master's use Jan. 8, 1873. Mr. Taylor is a very fluent and convincing speaker, and brings home to the hearts of his hearers the blessed truths to be found in the life of Christ, outlining their duty to God forcibly and distinctly; not alone in the pulpit does his ability show forth in the best light, but also in bringing before each repentant sinner the plan of a personal salvation, free to all who will accept of it.

He is interested in home and foreign missionary work, and goes to great pains to keep himself and his people well-informed as to the needs and the progress in the various fields. In 1878, he spent six months and a half abroad, and visited Europe, Egypt, and Palestine. During 1894 and 1895, he went around the world in nine months, visiting many places of interest and note, and becoming acquainted with the habits and customs of many a foreign land. In the course of his travels he was in Japan, China, Siam, Isle of Ceylon, India, Egypt, Turkey, Germany, Holland, France, the British Isles, and was an interested spectator of the sights in Jerusalem, about the Dead Sea, at Smyrna, Constantinople, Berlin, Paris, Glasgow, and many another noted place. In addition to his foreign trips, he has visited the Pacific Coast three times, and has been in all the States of the Union with the exception of two. His travels were far from being barren in their results, as viewed from a practical standpoint, for he has collected and arranged into superb collections the largest cabinet of relics, curios, and specimens that can be found in any private home in Western Pennsylvania. His collection of precious stones include rare and beautiful specimens of agate, amethyst, malachite, topaz, onyx, moonstone,

and many others, odd and rich in their effects. His geological specimens, including nearly all kinds of the leading commercial ores, are among the most instructive of the treasures, and claim the attention of those who understand their significance. Then there may be seen a Siamese palm-leaf book, a Chinese girl's copybook, an old German commentary of Galatians by Luther, dated 1534, and an old Flemish missal, the characters in which were beautifully illuminated by hand before the day of the printing press. There are gods of all kinds and descriptions, worshipped by Chinese, Japanese, Siamese, and Hindoo devotees; also a Hindoo praying machine. To the student of Egyptian history, a mummied hand, a quantity of mummy cloth, and some scarabs prove of vast interest. Many rare horns are on exhibition, some of them coming from Aden, Arabia. Mr. Taylor has also a fine collection of Indian relics, to which he is adding from time to time. A large library of choice and valuable books, both secular and religious, are not the least of his possessions, for he is a deep thinker, and enjoys the reading of a good book almost as much as anything else that he does. The home is surrounded by beautiful lawns and shrubbery arranged in an artistic manner, the whole a result that is due to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's own efforts.

Mr. Taylor was united to his first wife on May 24, 1861; she was Lorinda Packer, daughter of Sylvester R. Packer of Hiram, Ohio; her birth occurred in 1836, and her death took place in 1883. Mr. Taylor married again Sept. 24, 1885, Sophy B. Loring, daughter of Dr. Loring of Springfield, Mass. She volunteered when a young woman as a missionary, and was sta-

tioned for three years, until her eyes failed her, in Beirout, Syria. She is still very active in missionary work, and is a decided help to her husband in his pastoral labors.

Interest in a biographical work of this nature is at all times heightened by a liberal use of illustrations; the portraits, occurring at frequent intervals in this book, include the likenesses of many of the representative and leading citizens of the county, but few will be viewed with the same degree of interest as that of Mr. Taylor which appears on a preceding page in proximity.

HUGH J. McCREADY, junior member of the mercantile firm of Major & McCready of Wampum, Big Beaver township, dealers in standard lines of dry goods, clothing, groceries, etc., was born April 14, 1861, near New Galilee, Beaver Co., Pa. His coming to Wampum has proved quite a valuable acquisition to the borough, for he has infused his energy in all public affairs, and is highly regarded as an enterprising, excellent young man.

Our subject's father, Hugh McCready, was born near Galilee, Lawrence County, and met a tragic death in an accident which occurred in Big Beaver township, when he was seventy-six years old. He followed the pursuits of agriculture for the means to satisfy his daily wants. He was a member of the U. P. Church, a strong Republican in politics, and acted as supervisor for some time. He was a son of Stewart McCready of Irish lineage. Mrs. McCready, mother of Hugh J., was born in North Beaver township,

and was a daughter of Samuel Hopper, her mother being a Kennedy.

Hugh J. McCready, the subject of this sketch, was brought up near New Galilee, and was a pupil in the district school until he was eighteen. He remained under his father's roof until March, 1887, when he was wedded to Ida Jenkins in Slippery Rock Church in Wayne township. The young couple settled on a farm, where they lived in contentment until 1893, when Mr. McCready bought an interest in the mill at Wampum. For three years he was employed in operating it until the plant was destroyed by fire, when for a year he was at liberty, looking for good business chances of various sorts. The right opportunity came in 1896, when there occurred a change in the general store of Braby & Major at Wampum; Mr. Braby retired and Mr. McCready was taken into partnership with Frank P. Major. The business is large and flourishing, and well rewards the enterprise and efforts put forth to draw desirable custom. Mr. McCready has ever strictly observed that most important factor in the successful public or business life of anyone—honesty. He is a careful, painstaking and square business man of undoubted integrity and substantial ability.

Mrs. McCready was a daughter of John H. and Sophia (Hennon) Jenkins, and was one of a family of seven children. Her father, John Henry Jenkins, was a son of Andrew and Jane (Henry) Jenkins, the latter a daughter of Robert Hunter, a Pennsylvanian of Washington County. Mrs. McCready's grandfather, Andrew Jenkins, was one of the children of Eleazer and Rebecca Jenkins, who came from Ireland to America about the year 1770. Her mother, Sophia Hennon,

traced her ancestry to Thomas and Martha (Work) Hennon; Thomas was a son of Joseph and Margaret (Morrill) Hennon, one of the oldest families of Wayne township; his wife was a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Phillips) Hennon. Our subject and wife are the proud parents of five children: Emma Pearl; Maggie Sophia; John; Florence; and Arthur J. The heads of the family are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and are bringing up their children in that faith. Politically, Mr. McCready sides with the Republican party, and has been a member of the borough council.

JOHN N. ROGERS, the widely known proprietor of the Rural House at New Bedford, Pa., has passed the three-score and ten years mark, his birth dating back to March 25, 1823. A district school education was the first step in preparing him for active manhood's work. He learned the trade of saddler from his father, and kept at work at that vocation for twenty years. He next engaged in the buying and selling of stock of various kinds—horses, cattle, etc., and during the late war was employed by the government to buy horses, such was his superior knowledge of horses and their fitness for good work. He has always held firmly to Democratic principles. In 1851, Mr. Rogers took for a partner in the conjugal state Maria Louisa Swisher, daughter of Dr. Phillip Swisher of Petersburg, Ohio. The only son of this union, Norman, married Salome V. Shaffner of Harrisburg, Pa., and became the fond parent of seven children:

Roxie R., deceased; Jesse H.; Philip S.; Howard E.; M. Ruby; Mark M.; and Norman N.

Viola V. and Cora C. were the daughters of our subject. Mr. Rogers and his family favor the Presbyterian Church, and may be found among the regular worshippers in the church of their choice.

Samuel Rogers, the father of John N., obtained the rudiments of an education in Columbiana Co., Ohio, and then learned the saddler's trade. He had been employed at that vocation but a short time, when the War of 1812 broke out, and he left home to help guard American interests and to vindicate the right of American sailors to traverse the seas and carry on commerce with other nations. He enlisted as a private, and by brave service earned an officer's commission at the close of hostilities. After his return to civil life, he again took up his trade and worked at it the rest of his life in New Bedford. He was somewhat of a politician, and followed the leadership of the Jeffersonian school; was a postmaster for some years, and held in addition to that federal position a number of township offices. He allied himself with Sarah Waugh, daughter of John Waugh of Uniontown, Pa., and seven children gathered about their board in course of time; they were named as follows: Thomas; James M.; John N., the subject of this personal notice; Sarah, wife of James Wright of Illinois; Alexander; Warren; and Samuel; all of whom, save Mrs. Wright and John N., are deceased. The family were Presbyterians in religious faith. Samuel Rogers passed over the dark river in 1872, aged eighty-two; his wife survived until 1880, when at the age of eighty-nine she was laid to rest by her husband's side.

Thomas Rogers, the grandfather of John N., was of Irish nationality, and came to America about 1770, landing in Philadelphia. His brother, William, who had emigrated with him, settled in Maryland on the Brandywine, and Thomas went west to the State of Ohio, where he bought and cleared a farm. Time proved the wisdom of his choice, and rendered him satisfied to remain on that farm, which had blessed him by its productiveness with many bountiful things. He was a man of good parts, and possessed ability as a manager, accordingly rising to a position of some local prominence. His descendants were: John; Alexander; Thomas; Samuel; Andrew, a daughter who became Mrs. Simpson; another who became Mrs. Woods, and a third, Susan, who became Mrs. Hatcher.

As is seen by the foregoing account, our subject comes of a race of hardy farmers, worthy men who by the nature of their vocations lived near to nature's heart. They were of a religious turn of mind and an ancestry of whom to be proud.

ISAAC R. HOUK of Wilmington township has labored successfully in many fields. Though only a few years past fifty, his experience covers several trades, a faithful service for his country during the dark days of civil strife, and a prosperous mercantile career which he is at this writing pursuing at Fayetteville, Wilmington township, this county.

Mr. Houk came into the world June 22, 1842, at a place in Slippery Rock township, and on his

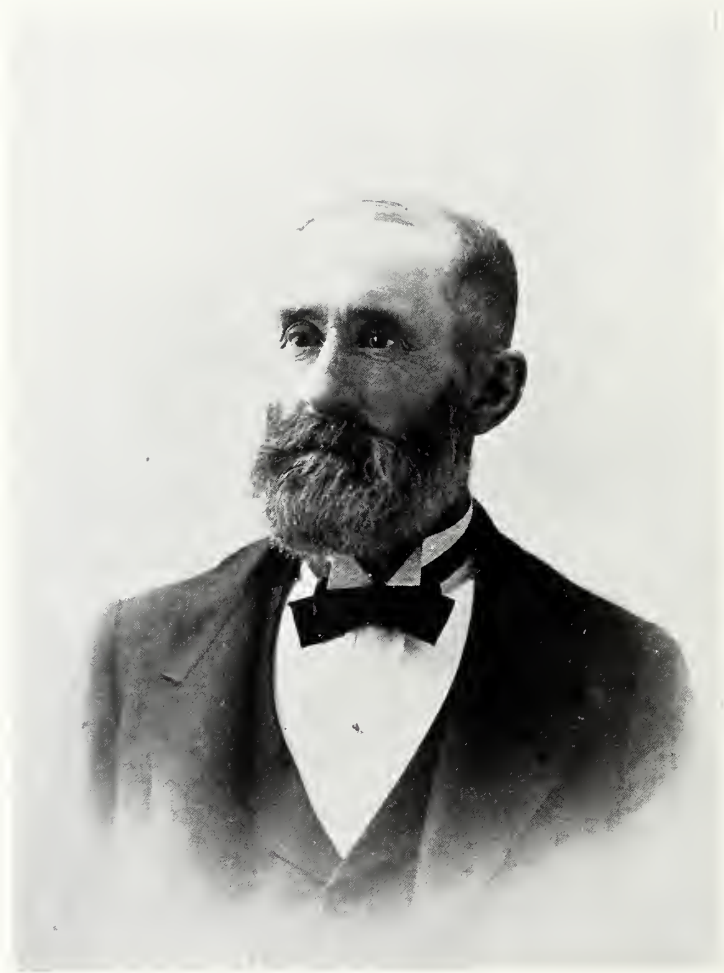
father's farm in that township and in the district schools spent his boyhood days. When his education was completed, he was apprenticed to the trade of wagon-making, because of his natural bent for mechanical work. Later on he became very skilled in the carpenter's trade, and was known and in demand on all sides as a worker in wood. At the first call to arms, directly after Fort Sumter was fired on, Mr. Houk was a mere lad and young as he was he was fired with ambition to fight in the cause of his country, but his few years were against him. In 1864, however, he attained his heart's desire, and on Feb. 22, enlisted for three years. He saw active service under Col. Schoonmaker, and Capt. Jackson of Pittsburg, and continued to honorably and faithfully wear the uniform of blue till the last gun was fired and the fratricidal conflict brought to a close. He was captured at Mt. Jackson, Va., in 1865, and only paroled half a day in the hands of the rebels. Upon his return from the war, Mr. Houk turned his attention to farming, and rented a place where he lived for several years. In 1869, he moved to New Castle, and entered the employ of George Crawford & Co., lumbermen. He remained with them until he came to Fayetteville, and entered upon his commercial life. He succeeded to the business of Emma Baxter, and for several years past has conducted the enterprise with consummate skill and steady prosperity.

Mr. Houk was a son of William Houk, a native of Perry township, Lawrence County. The father received a liberal education in the common schools, and afterwards learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked for years, at the same time giving some little attention to

farming. Later on he was able to purchase a piece of land, comprising about one hundred acres, of which only some twelve acres had ever been cleared of the timber that naturally covered it. On this farm in Slippery Rock township, Mr. Houk spent the rest of his life, clearing the land, and building two log houses, and necessary out-buildings. He died in the fall of 1869, aged eighty-five years. The wife of William Houk, and the mother of our subject was Eliza White, a daughter of James White, a well-known and leading farmer of Slippery Rock township. Ten children made up the Houk family, and they were named: James; Harriet; Phillip; David; Eli; William; Samuel; Reuben; Eliza; Anna; and Isaac R. They were reared in the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Houk and his sons were old-line Republicans.

When still a young man our subject married Hattie Black, a native of Scott township, Lawrence Co., Pa., and one child has come to bless their home, Minnie B. Mrs. Houk died in 1876 and he married Mary L. Rhodes, and by this union Delmont R. was born. Mr. Houk and his family are regular attendants of the M. E. Church. In political views, Mr. Houk follows the teachings of his beloved father, and early cast his fortunes with the Republican party, of which he is a staunch and prominent supporter.

In all respects, Mr. Houk is a strong, a useful, and an influential member of society. Rich in experience and ripe in judgment, he has a store of knowledge that covers a multitude of subjects. Of an observant nature, through life he has been a student and a learner, not altogether in vain either, if we are to judge from his present attainments. He is a busy man, but withal a well-



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informed one on all topics of general and living interest. He has the welfare of his own country at heart, as his service in the army proves. As a friend he is highly valued in a large circle of acquaintances, for he is ever ready with counsel, help and encouragement, even to the extent of extending substantial aid from his own resources. His success has come from steady purpose and constant industry, and no one begrudges him the position of true worth and esteem which he has attained.

JESSE S. CORNELIUS, constable and collector of the Sixth Ward of New Castle, Pa., was born in Neville township, Allegheny Co., Pa., Feb. 26, 1836, and is a son of Maxwell and Mary Ann (Anderson) Cornelius, and grandson of Maxwell Cornelius, who came from the eastern part of the State, supposedly Lancaster County, and settled in Allegheny County, near the city of Pittsburg, where he followed the pursuits of agriculture. Of the family of children, that he gathered about his fireside, the following grew up to maturity: Josiah; John; Dizart; Absalom; James; Betsey; Polly; and Maxwell.

Our subject's father made his start in life as a gardener, cultivating his small farm on Nine Mile Island at first, and later gardening at McKee's Rocks. In 1845 he bought a farm at Mt. Jackson, this county, and cleared and improved it with so liberal and knowing a hand, that it easily took rank with the best in the county, with a set of farm buildings that for convenience and ampleness of room was perhaps without a rival. His last years were spent in Poland, Ohio,

where he bought a small piece of land and house, and engaged in fruit and berry raising the remainder of his years, also paying considerable attention to the education of his children. He was taken to a better world at the age of seventy-six; his wife, eighty-eight years of age, is living at Poland, Ohio. Their children were: Margaret, deceased; Eliza, the wife of William Lemon; Jesse S., our subject; James, of Minier, Ill.; William of Youngstown, Ohio; Maxwell, deceased, who was a Presbyterian minister of Washington, D. C., pastor of the East End Presbyterian Church; Margaret (2nd), whose first husband was Alfred Swisher, her present husband is Henry Austin of Poland, Ohio; Jane, whose first husband was S. Glenn, deceased, and her second, B. Whistler; Mary Ann, the wife of D. Thompson; Martha, the wife of S. Fox; and Samuel, a Presbyterian minister of Oil City. Our subject's father was a Republican, politically, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jesse S. Cornelius finished his education at Westfield, and when he was eighteen years old followed gardening for two years as a means for securing a livelihood. Then for several years he boated coal down the Ohio River and beyond on the Father of Waters, making five trips to New Orleans, besides several shorter trips. In 1859 he came to Lawrence County, and on May 1st of that year married Miss Elizabeth Jane Martin, daughter of Samuel Martin, and granddaughter of Hugh Martin, who was a school teacher, surveyor, and farmer. Hugh Martin was a very well-educated man of his day, and many successful men were among his pupils in the old log school house. His wife Susan (nee) Bennage, and he both lived to be up-

wards of eighty years of age, and were the parents of the following children: Thomas, Samuel, Hugh, Seth, John, George, David, and Catherine. The last three are single and make their home together on the old homestead. Samuel Martin was born in Huntingdon Co., Pa., in 1811, and settled in Lawrence County, where he bought a 125-acre farm, and followed agriculture all his days, also doing a little carpentering, dying at the age of seventy-three. Their children were: Elizabeth; Jane; Hugh, deceased; Seth, deceased; John, deceased; James, deceased; Mary, deceased; Clark, a resident of Miller Co., Missouri; Albert R., a resident of Beaver Falls; Emma, the wife of William Welker of Mahoning Co., Ohio; Perry S. of New Castle; Samuel, deceased; and Wesley, who lives in Lawrence County. The following are our subject's children: Mary Lizzie, who married John Atkinson of New Castle; Emma J., who married Robert Atkinson, a farmer of this county, and has four children—Pearl, Jesse C., Elizabeth J., and Maud M.; Maud, the wife of John Marks, a railroader of Lawrence County; Maxwell, who married Eva Groves of New Castle, and has two children—Jessie C., and Earl Maxwell; Sadie W., who married George Dufford of New Castle, and has three children—Jessie C., John, deceased, and Ruth May; Samuel H., who married Lizzie Hamley of Youngstown, Ohio, and has one son, Harold Martin; and Daisy O., who lives at home, and teaches music.

In 1888, Mr. Cornelius was elected constable and tax collector, and has been continued in office ever since, and has also served as supervisor two years. He enlisted in 1862, August of

that year, in Co. D, 14th Reg. Pa. Vol. Cav., and in the following spring at Harper's Ferry, Va., he was thrown from his horse, and his left side sprained very badly, which accident left him in very poor health, and he has never been able to do very hard manual labor, or much of it at a time. He has a nice home at No. 15 Etna Street, and other property in other parts of the city. He has won the highest esteem of his fellow-citizens for the strict integrity of his life, and for the conscientious manner in which he has discharged the duties of the various offices which they have chosen him to fill. He is a member of the K. of P. Lodge, and has filled all of its chairs; he is also a member of the G. A. R. Post, and of the United Workmen, Protected Home Circle, and Junior Order of American Mechanics. His wife is a member of the W. C. T. U., and of the Royal Templars. As a representative and well-known citizen of Lawrence County, the publishers of this biographical work take pleasure in presenting Mr. Cornelius' portrait on a preceding page.

PHILIP J. WATSON, a large owner and operator in real estate, and actively identified with many of the leading interests of New Castle, is one of that city's most active business men, and highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Susquehanna Co., Pa., July 3, 1851, and is a son of Jeremiah Watson, who was born in 1812, and died in 1877. Our subject's father was a prosperous and well-to-do farmer and dairyman, and lived late in life in Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y. He

married Pamela Rockwell, who was born in Yonkers, N. Y., and died in 1889, when over eighty years of age. The children born to Jeremiah and Pamela (Rockwell) Watson were as follows: Edward M. of Westfield, N. Y.; Henry L. of Portland, N. Y.; Albert S. of Westfield, N. Y.; Julia, the wife of C. N. Whitmore, Great Bend, Pa.; Elizabeth, the wife of D. D. Terrell of Franklin Forks, Pa.; and Philip J., whom we have the pleasure of presenting to the readers of this book.

At the age of seventeen years, Philip J. Watson left his home to seek his fortune, and with a determination to make a successful voyage, and to weather the storms that threaten the prosperity of the ambitious young man, he set sail on the sea of business. When eighteen years old, he began teaching school winters, and doing carpentry work in the summer time; in this way about four years were employed, his last teaching occupying most of his time throughout the year; one season he even taught eleven months out of the twelve. For several years he sold Vermont and Massachusetts granite for monumental and building purposes. He then became a salesman for the Appleton Publishing House of New York City for eleven years, and in the Encyclopedia Department. He was then associated with the Bankers' Loan & Investment Co. of New York City one and one-half years; during this time he was investing his surplus earnings in Buffalo real estate, which eventually became very valuable and brought him large profits. In 1892, our subject came to New Castle, and purchased thirty-five acres of the old Mathew Irvin estate, which was a very rough and unimproved tract of land situated on High-

land Avenue. For himself he built a house and barn, and platted the remainder into building lots as an addition to the city, and on these lots, which are the choicest in New Castle, ten houses have been built; the new streets laid out by Mr. Watson were named by him Winter Avenue, Leasure Street, Garfield Street, Sheridan Street and Summer Street. His next venture in the real estate business exhibited more forcefully than ever his enterprising zeal in doing all he could for the welfare and growth of New Castle; it was to buy Henry C. Fall's farm of 126 acres, and run through it Delaware Avenue and Neshannock Boulevard, and the streets named above, and to organize a cemetery association, which has, under the direction of a skilled landscape architect, laid out and beautifully improved forty-two acres for New Castle's beautiful Oak Park Cemetery. He was instrumental to a large degree in getting the electric line of cars extended through Highland Avenue, and is acting as trustee for the New Castle Electric Street R. R. Co. of the three hundred acre tract of land which he purchased under contract with the company at the north end of Highland Avenue, which property will be soon for sale in building lots. The cemetery mentioned above is known as Oak Park Cemetery, and our subject is the president of the association which controls it. He is president of the Y. M. C. A. of the city of New Castle, and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, and is one of the trustees of the latter organization. Not only in business circles is he a leading figure, but also in church and society circles does he enjoy great popularity; in his elegant home, seconded by his capable wife, he delights to entertain his associates and acquaint-

ances and to live a happy, unrestrained life, unburdened with any thought of injustice or wrong committed in all his prosperous career from almost nothing to his present position of affluence and independence.

Mr. Watson won as his wife and sharer of his joys and sorrows Miss Nellie C. Comstock, daughter of Abner Comstock, who was a very popular farmer and business man of Windsor, N. Y., and won the esteem of his large circle of intimate acquaintances. Our subject's marriage has been blessed with five children, who are as follows: Arthur C., born July 11, 1881; Ruth A., May 7, 1883; Phillip J., Jr., May 24, 1886; John R., Dec. 27, 1890, and Frances Dorothy, July 26, 1897.

H. IRA CUNNINGHAM, a well-known notary public of Wampum and a farmer by occupation, was born in Shenango township, Oct. 12, 1843, and is a son of Joseph M. and Isabella (Wilson) Cunningham. Our subject's father was born on the home farm about 1813, and followed agricultural pursuits largely throughout his life, dying in 1843, when our subject was but a few weeks old. He had taken Masonic orders, and was a member of the State militia.

The grandfather of our subject was Benjamin Cunningham, whose wife was Margaret Morton, who came of an old English family. Benjamin was born in Westmoreland County about 1768, and departed this life in 1843, having followed farming as a means of securing a livelihood, and providing for his family.

The mother of H. Ira, was Isabella Wilson in her maiden days, and was a native of Wayne township, Lawrence County; she was a daughter of William and Christiana (Van Gorder) Wilson; the latter was born in Germany, removed with her parents to America when she was nineteen years of age, and died at the age of seventy-four. William Wilson, grandfather of Mr. Cunningham on his mothers's side, was a Scottish Highlander, who came to America when a youth of sixteen summers, and was very successful in farming. He was a captain in the War of 1812. He responded to the final roll-call in 1864, his age being eighty-six years. He was a Democrat in his politics, and served his township as supervisor and as school director.

H. Ira Cunningham when only a lad of twelve began to earn his own living and face the stern realities of life; he drifted into various employments, and seemed to take after the typical Yankee, for he was a jack-of-all-trades, and was very handy in several lines of work. He labored on farms and in the mines, and for a time was cook in a restaurant. During this period of indecision in regard to his future, Fort Sumter was fired on, and the call for volunteers was issued. Mr. Cunningham was among the first who enrolled their names in the service of the Union, and enlisted at Pittsburg on Sept. 22, 1861. At the expiration of his first term, he re-enlisted at New Brighton in April, 1864, and served until July 24, 1865, when he was mustered out as a corporal. He was a sharpshooter for a great part of the time he was a soldier and was wounded three times in that service. He was again wounded in the battle of Weldon Railroad on Aug. 19, 1864, and was obliged to leave the regi-

ment on sick leave for a matter of several months. Shortly after his return, on Dec. 25 of the same year, he was wounded while on the picket line before Petersburg.

On resuming the life of a civilian, Mr. Cunningham worked for a time in a nut factory until Dec. 26, 1867, when he married and settled on a farm in Shenango township near the borough of Wampum, where he has since resided. He espoused Louisa J. Wilson, whose parents were John I. and Elizabeth (Munnell) Wilson. John I. Wilson's father, James Wilson, was probably the first white child born in Slippery Rock township, that event occurring in 1803. Mrs. Wilson lived to attain the extreme age of ninety-two years; her father, James Munnell, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Louisa J. Cunningham, our subject's first wife, bore her husband two children, of whom Charles C. is the elder; he lives in Wampum and is in business with his father-in-law, William Braby. The other child, Effie, is deceased.

Mr. Cunningham in the years since the war has devoted himself chiefly to farming, although he has worked at paper-hanging, and became an expert in that line. He is a genial, whole-souled man, who is not only respected, but cordially liked by all who know him. He is a good citizen of sterling worth, active in matters of public interest and always ready to do what he can to promote the general welfare—in short, he is the kind of man that is needed in every community. On Aug. 28, 1878, were celebrated his second nuptials, the bride being Ella Wilson, a younger sister of his first wife. This union has resulted in one son, John I., who is yet at home, attending school. Mrs. Cunningham is a con-

sistent and valued member of the Presbyterian Church.

Politically, Mr. Cunningham is a solid Republican, and endorses the principles of that party with conscientious fidelity. In March, 1897, he was made a notary public in and for Lawrence County. He was poster and folder in the State Senate for several terms, and in 1891 he served as postmaster of that body. In Wampum borough he has acted as street commissioner. Mr. Cunningham's good fellowship and popularity is evidenced by his memberships in different secret societies. He is a Mason, and a member of both the blue lodge and chapter, affiliating with Mahoning Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 243, of New Castle. In the Odd Fellows order, he belongs to the Subordinate Lodge, the Encampment and the Grand Lodge, in which he has been a representative. He is a secretary of Wampum Lodge, No. 865, I. O. O. F.; a member of Lawrence Encampment, No. 86, of New Castle; and served as deputy Grand Master from 1882 to 1892. In the A. O. U. W., he holds a membership in Welcome Lodge, No. 65, of Wampum, and represented that lodge in the grand lodge. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, being associated with the Council in Wampum. As an old soldier he takes a great deal of pleasure in renewing old war associations, and has a membership in Wampum Post, No. 381, G. A. R.; he has been commander for nine years and is one of the leading spirits of the local organization.

In April, 1897, Mr. Cunningham was elected to the office of burgess, a position he is to retain four years.

PROF. WILLIAM N. AIKEN of New Castle, Pa., for many years the efficient superintendent of public schools of Lawrence Co., Pa., and now interested in life insurance business, was born in Wayne township, now a part of Lawrence County, but formerly in Beaver County, Jan. 12, 1834. He traces his ancestry back through David Aiken, William Aiken, Jr., to William Aiken, who was the first of the family to settle in America. Our subject's great-grandfather, William Aiken, was born in Ireland, where he spent the years of his early manhood until he was attracted by the glowing accounts he had heard of this country to take up his home in a foreign land, and to grow up with the country with a chance equal to that of any other young man of industrious habits and energetic disposition. He brought his family with him, among whom was William Aiken, Jr., to a place near Baltimore, Maryland, where he lived a number of years, removing from there at last to take up a residence in Westmoreland Co., Pa., which was the place of his death.

William Aiken, Jr., did not long remain in Pennsylvania after attaining his majority but removed to St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he met Dorothy Newell and won her hand in marriage. This worthy pair was blessed with the birth of three children, triplets, all of whom grew up to maturity and married and raised families. David was the father of our subject. William married Martha Smiley of Wayne township, and they had two children, William and Margaret. The other one of the triplets, Dorothy, married Daniel Thomas, and has five children: William, John, Elam, David, and Sarah. In 1801, Mr. Aiken returned to Pennsylvania and took up a

residence in Wayne township, and immediately after his settlement there he became interested in the milling industry, and built a carding mill, saw-mill and grist-mill, and was quite busily engaged at this work in connection with some farming until his death at the advanced age of eighty-three years. In 1821, some time after the death of his first wife, he married Miss Margaret Clark, and they lived happily together with nothing to mar the calmness of their lives until her death in 1845, leaving him then to walk the path of life alone. In religious matters Mr. Aiken was a Presbyterian, having been elder many years. Politically, he was an adherent of the old Whig party.

David Aiken, the father of our subject, was born during the time of the family residence in Ohio in 1800. He remained in Wayne township, whither his father had removed since his birth and located, until 1845, when he obtained possession of a tract of land in extent 267 acres in Shenango township. Here he farmed until his death, being very highly respected among his neighbors as a very prosperous man, and as one of more than ordinary ability. He was a Whig, and he served as assessor, as school director, and as a delegate to the first county convention ever held in Lawrence County. His wife, Martha, was a daughter of James Vance of Slippery Rock township, and was born in 1807, and died in 1883. Their children were: Martha; Dorothy, wife of Robert Van Horn of Slippery Rock township; William N., our subject; James W., who fell in the engagement at Petersburg; David W., who married Marian Young, and has four children, Bell M., Frank, Mary, and Dora; Isaiah W., who served in the army, and died from dis-



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ease contracted there; William H., who married Mary Gemmel of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Sarah E. (now deceased), who became the wife of James Adams, and bore him two children, Henry W. and William N.; Mary J. (now deceased), who married Harvey Palmer of Shengango township and had three children, David, Hugh, and William; Margaret M. (now deceased), who married Milton Walton of Slippery Rock township, and left him with the care of three children, William D., Jesse, and James H.; and Isabella T., deceased, a twin sister of Margaret M. The family were regular attendants of the United Presbyterian Church, where David Aiken, the father, took an active part in church affairs and for many years acted as trustee. In his political belief he was a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party he joined the ranks of the new organization. His death occurred March 1, 1860.

Prof. William N. Aiken was educated in the district schools of his neighborhood, and took an advanced course at Westminster College, which was located at New Wilmington, Pa., and graduated from that institution in 1861. Immediately after his graduation he accepted a position as teacher, and taught in the public schools of the city of New Castle several years. In 1869, he was elected superintendent of schools of Lawrence County, a position he held intelligently and to the great good of the educational interests of the county until 1878. He was also city superintendent of the New Castle schools from 1884 to 1887. Since that time he has been engaged in the life insurance business, representing as its agent the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance of Newark, N. J. In politics, he sides with the Repub-

licans, and casts his vote in support of Republican candidates.

On April 6, 1865, he married Margaret M. Laughridge of Youngstown, Ohio. Their marriage has been blessed with two children: Martha R., a teacher in the public schools; and William L. The family are United Presbyterians in their religious attachments.

GEORGE G. PRYOR, editor and proprietor of the *Courant-Guardian*, the leading paper of this section of the State, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 10, 1859. When he was about six years of age, his parents moved to the banks of the Rhine of America, the noble Hudson, a few miles below Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and in that locality our subject's boyhood and young manhood were spent, and the basis of an education was laid that has proved its excellence by the rapidity with which Mr. Pryor has arisen to the front rank of newspaper editors.

On Jan. 1, 1890, in company with F. W. Corson, he purchased the *New Castle Courant*, and in 1894 secured the entire control; with the recent growth of New Castle, Mr. Pryor has been a leading factor, and his paper has flourished and prospered. March 23, 1896, the *Guardian*, a daily and weekly newspaper of New Castle, was consolidated with the *Courant* under its present name, Mr. Pryor retaining the editorship and control of the paper. The *Courant-Guardian* wields a great influence in the community, a result due in an unusual measure to Mr. Pryor's strong personality and unremitting efforts. It is fearless and outspoken, is a firm believer in

and an adherent of a greater New Castle, and by its consistent and persistent course has done much in building up the city, securing public improvements, and stimulating private enterprise.

In 1880, Mr. Pryor was married to Jenine S. Scofield, daughter of Thomas and Mary Scofield of Reading, Pa., and they have two children, Edith and Willis. He has an elegant residence in one of the best sections of the city, with a well-stocked library, in which he is a hard student, although prominent in the social affairs of the city. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an earnest worker in the Sunday School. His life is a busy one, filled with social functions and business duties, and his success shows him to be one of those fortunate individuals capable of a vast amount of hard work. Mr. Pryor's portrait accompanies this sketch, and may be found on a preceding page.

WILLIAM C. WOODS of Fayetteville, Wilmington township, Lawrence Co., Pa., is an excellent representative of the artisan class of our population who in their chosen lines have full well kept pace with the steady growth and progress of this section in every line. Mr. Woods is a member of that craft, which has, since the dawn of history, made the working of wood and iron an industry to be proud of. No art requires a steadier arm, a truer eye, or more experienced and riper judgment than does that of shaping the reddened metal into the thousand and one

forms of usefulness which make it of more real utility to mankind than either silver or gold.

Mr. Woods was in one sense born in the business. His father, Eli Woods, was for years one of the most reliable and best known wagon-builders of this section. The grandfather, Chas. Woods, was a native of the Emerald Isle, who came to America when a young man, and by means of those powerful levers to success—industry and thrift—made for himself a good name wherever he resided. His son, Eli, born in Mifflin Co., Pa., was given a good education, and for a number of years, before attaining his majority, followed agricultural pursuits. Next he was employed in a brick yard, where he became familiar with the principles and essentials that govern that industry. Being impressed with the needs of the people for proper conveyances, and having a liking for work of a mechanical nature, he commenced to learn the trade of a wagon-maker at the shop of his step-father, which trade he had in three years' time fully mastered. He was now of age and the possessor of a remunerative trade, so he rented a shop and started out in the struggle of life at a point in Mifflin County. As his business grew, and he found that he could handle work in a larger field, he purchased the property now occupied by the subject of this sketch at Fayetteville, building thereon a house, barn and shop. Here he held a splendid trade for many years, employing in the various lines as many as seven hands. Those were the days in which good work prevailed. Every piece, either iron or wood, that went into a wagon, was shaped by the trusty hand of a competent workman. The timber used was from the best selection of the forest and well seasoned. Many of

the first jobs built at the old shop are in use to-day. Eli Woods married Margaret Dull, daughter of George Dull of Center Co., Pa., and to them seven children were born: Howard; Edwin W.; Emma H., deceased; Mary; William, our subscriber; George M.; and Charles E. The family was reared in the precepts of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Woods has been a life-long member, and still at his advanced age attends quite regularly. The political views of Mr. Woods have been Republican. His patriotism stood the severest test possible, when in 1864 he put on the blue uniform, shouldered his musket, and went away to the front. He enlisted for three years or during the war, and was mustered out at its close in 1865. He served under Capt. Joe Camp, and when in the service received disabilities, which entitled him to a small pension, which the Cleveland era of economy took away for a short time along with many other pensions at the expense of our veterans.

William C. Woods, the subject of this history, was born in Fayetteville, April 21, 1858. His first schooling was received in the local educational institutions of his native town. At the completion of his studies in the schools, he went into his father's shop and learned how to build wagons, becoming skilled in every branch of the work. Liking the blacksmithing part of the trade best, and seeing a more remunerative career in it, he turned his attention more to that line, and as a result has built up the best business of its kind in this locality. Mr. Woods now conducts a general blacksmithing business, being prepared on short notice to turn out anything that can be shaped on the anvil in the best style of modern workmanship. Anything that comes

from his shop, be it the tiniest bolt or the heaviest truck tire, is known to be well and faithfully made. He employs only the best of help, and all the work is carried on under his immediate supervision.

Mr. Woods was happily united in marriage to Miss Maggie Mercer, daughter of Hon. Lyle Mercer, and two children have come to their household to bless the union; Florence R. and Mary E. they are named. Following the family traditions, Mr. Woods is in religious matters a Presbyterian, and in politics a Republican. He is in more ways than one a valuable citizen. With business acumen of the highest order, he unites a broadness and liberality of mind that makes him popular and influential. Having an education much above the average, and being a well-read man, in close touch with all that is transpiring, he is a citizen whose opinions are sensibly grounded. He is public-spirited and believes that the best way to honor ancestry and to be remembered with deep feeling and reverence by posterity, is to live each day's life in the best manner within one's power.

FREEMAN R. HESS is a citizen of Edenburg, Mahoning township, who has as wide a circle of friends and acquaintances as any man in his part of the county. This is due to two things: first, to his courteous and genial ways, and secondly, to his having for twelve years past occupied the post of agent for the Pittsburg & Lake Erie R. R. at their Edensburg station. Mr. Hess came into the world April 24, 1858, at a

point in Red Stone township, Fayette Co., Pa. He received his early education in the public schools, finishing at Brownville Academy. At the age of nineteen, he went to Versailles, Ohio, where he learned telegraphy. But a short time was occupied in rendering him proficient in the art of cutting the electric current into intelligible dots and dashes. Railroad work was the field that seemed to offer the best inducements, and he occupied positions in turn at Avilla, Ind., Myersdale, Pa., and Lowellville, Ohio, in each of which places the young operator left scores of friends. While working at the key, Mr. Hess had learned all the intricate routine duties that fall to the lot of the railway operator, and was equally at home in flashing an order over the wire, filling out a perplexing ticket account at the end of the month, or in making notes for some anxious shipper. In 1885, Mr. Hess was offered the place of station agent and operator at Edenburg by the P. & L. E. R. R., which position he accepted, succeeding Mr. E. E. Gorley. This office he has held ever since to the satisfaction of the company and to the gratification and profit of the community at large.

Our subject is a son of Matthias and Hattie (Stevenson) Hess, and a grandson of Martin Hess. The grandfather, a native Pennsylvanian, was among the early settlers of Fayette Co., Pa.; he filled out a long and prosperous life in his chosen vocation, that of tilling the soil of his native land, and died full of years and honor at the age of ninety-three. He reared four sons, that were a credit to their bringing up; they were: John, Washington, Matthias, and Lewis.

Matthias Hess, the father of our subject, was the son to whom fell the care of the parents in

their later years. He inherited the home place on which he was born—a fine one by the way—and continued the work laid down by his father. During all of his life he was a valuable and honorable citizen. In politics, he belonged to the good old Democratic school, but above all party considerations was a patriot and an American. He held many places of trust in his day, and his influence was wide-reaching. He and his wife were consistent members of the Christian Church. Mr. Hess was united, early in life, to Hattie Stevenson, who was the beloved mother, teacher and guide to a large family of children, who were named: Martin, deceased; William; John; Enoch; Aaron; Fremont; George; Elizabeth; Rosalia, deceased; Jennie; Carrie; Lydia; Mary; and Isabella. Mr. Hess was removed from the scene of his activities in this world in 1894, when aged eighty-four, and his wife in the succeeding year, aged eighty-three.

The subject of this history married Miss Anna Ryan, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Ryan of West Brownville, and to them has been given one child, Gaches Elrick, who came to bless their home at Edenburg, June 26, 1890. Since coming to Edenburg, Mr. Hess has steadily won his way into the confidence and respect of the people. He has a keen appreciation of how important the interests which he has in charge are to the public, and conducts his office along the right lines. With all the duties of his position, which must be performed with as much regularity and punctuality as the stroke of a clock, Mr. Hess is able to look after many other interests. He is an active and ready member of the Democratic party, a member of the Knights of Pythias and other like societies, and in public affairs is

ever willing with talents and time to labor for the general good. In religious matters, he is tolerant and liberal, having little patience with narrowness of creed or bigotry. To the traveling and shipping public, Mr. Hess is ever obliging and painstaking. The high esteem in which he is held not only by the corporation he represents, but by the public of the whole section which makes use of the Edenburg station, is the best evidence in the world that he is an instance of the right man in the right place.

ROBERT DICKS, a highly respected and honored citizen of Lawrence County, engaged in carrying on farming operations in Washington township, was born in the above township, on the eighth day of December, 1844. He came from ancestors who fully earned the name of Americans, and who took active part in the struggles of sword and plow that have given our citizens in the nineteenth century the liberties and the abundance they daily enjoy.

The great-grandfather of Robert Dicks was by name John Dicks. He was trained in the rugged colonial school of experience, and was one of those valiant men who, under the leadership and prowess of George Washington, dared to hurl defiance at King George and his mercenary soldiers, and entered a life and death contest, which forever freed this country from the British yoke. After the sanguinary struggle of the sword and musket had terminated, the young soldier took up his axe and began to do his part in the battle for prosperity. He came into the

western part of the Keystone State among the first settlers of the region, and for many long years waged a constant warfare on the forces of nature; the struggle, with no loss of blood, partook of the nature of a triumph with each succeeding year. He died at the age of eighty-five years, leaving a name that will live forever in the hearts of his worthy descendants.

Aaron L. Dicks was a son of the above, and grandfather of our subject. He located in Hickory township, and worked in the canal business in addition to carrying on his farm, and rounded out a career which exceeded by five years the allotted three score and ten. His son, Aaron L. Dicks, Jr., began his active life as a farmer, as soon as he was out of school. He located on the farm in Washington township, now owned by his son, Robert, in 1844, cleared it of trees, and made considerable improvements that more than doubled its value. On this farm he resided up to the time when he was taken from life in 1858 at the age of fifty-five. His wife's name before marriage was Elizabeth Michaels, and to them five children were born: Aaron E., deceased; Robert, our subject; Elizabeth A., now deceased; Peter M.; and William J. In his lifetime, Mr. Dicks was a very enterprising, wide-awake citizen, and upheld the standard of the Democratic party. His church leanings were with the United Presbyterian Church.

Robert Dicks from boyhood was taught industry and thrift. After leaving the district schools, he labored with his father and in time became the owner of the estate himself. On this excellent property he has erected a new house and suitable buildings, and has his life through been a farmer of merit and painstaking methods.

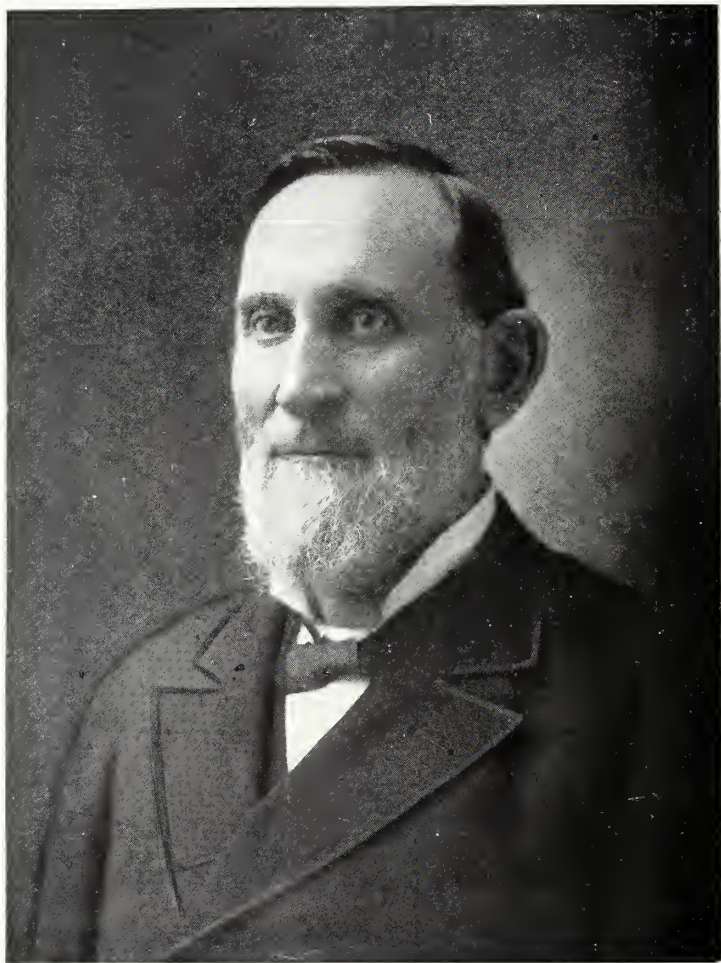
He has made quite a reputation as a careful breeder of fine stock, and made many a tidy sum of money in that line. His faithful and true wife was a Miss Mary J. Brennaman, before he met her and made her his life-companion. Five children have been born of this union; Solomon B., William A., Mary E., Elizabeth A., and Henry J., deceased. The family are in religious belief Presbyterian. Mr. Dicks has always paid much attention to the civil affairs of his State and Nation. Born of a family that has had much to do with public affairs, he is a sturdy exponent of true Democracy. He keeps in step with modern progress and has full faith in the destiny of the nation for which his forefathers suffered so long and toiled so hard.

HUGH L. MEANS of Wilmington township, Lawrence County, Pa., has, although still a middle-aged man, attained a place of prominence and standing among the agriculturists of his native section, that may well be envied by many older men. Since his birth, April 16, 1848, many changes for the better have come over this part of Pennsylvania, and from the days of his young manhood, Mr. Means has played well the part that has fallen to his lot in the progress and growth that are now in evidence on every side.

Hugh Means, senior, the grandfather of the subject of our writing, was of good, reliable Irish stock, being born on the sea-girt Emerald Isle. Full of life, energy and ambition he struck out for America, when a young man, to seek his fortune. Wide-awake and willing to work, he soon

after his arrival here had mastered the carpenter's trade, which he followed in various localities for some years. Laying by a little competence, he bought a farm in Wilmington township, a tract of land that lay in an unimproved state. Mainly by his own efforts, he built first of all a house, then some outer buildings including a barn, and finally a grist-mill; with incessant toil, he put his land in good, productive shape, at the same time profitably conducting his milling business. He had become a true citizen of his adopted country, and in the War of 1812 served honorably in the army which gave England her second whipping, and taught her to respect American rights as equal to any nation's rights on the globe. Our subject's grandfather departed this life in 1838, having accomplished far more than the ordinary man, and leaving behind him a sturdy and well-reared family of boys who were named in order: Henry; Thomas; Daniel; Hugh; and William. Mr. Means, during his busy life, was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and bore a prominent part in many other walks of life. His political leanings were with the Democratic party, in whose councils he was always a valued adviser. He was twice elected to the office of sheriff of Mercer Co., Pa., an office calling for in those days the greatest amount of hardihood and dauntless energy.

Hugh Means, son of the preceding and the father of our subject, was born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., where his early training was received. He started out in life as a farmer, and followed that vocation as a means of securing a livelihood and acquiring a competence for his old age in various places, finally purchasing an improved



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farm of 120 acres from his father. This place he put in the best shape that hard work and the liberal expenditure of money could accomplish, building new houses, barns and sheds throughout. He was a man who was in advance in regard to his ideas on agriculture, and made a success of raising high-bred stock of all kinds, his reputation as a wise and reliable breeder going out far and wide. He had an admirable constitution, which carried him through to his ninety-second year. He married Mary Livingstone, the daughter of one of his most respected neighbors, Hugh Livingstone. Mr. Means was a United Presbyterian, and a stanch Democrat. Ten children, named below, were born to Mr. Means and his wife: Hannah J.; Milton; Rosanna; Elizabeth; Mary; Emma; Sarah; Perry; Hugh L., the subject of this history; and Benjamin Franklin.

Our subject was born in Wilmington township, and spent all his younger days there, either busy at home or in the district school. As soon as he was able he bought out the other heirs of the home estate, and has followed the peaceful pursuits of the gentleman farmer since. If the condition in which a country place is kept is any guide, Mr. Means is certainly a careful and painstaking tiller of the soil; every rod of his farm, from the orderly home acre to the farthest back lot, shows method, economy and skill. So it is no wonder that Mr. Means is everywhere rated a successful and well-posted follower of his chosen vocation. The many specimens of his well-bred stock that pasture in his fields show that he has his father's talents in that line.

Before her marriage with our subject, Mrs. Means was known among her associates as

Sarah Moore; she was a daughter of D. B. Moore of Huntingdon Co., Pa. Two children have blessed their union: Mary E. and David M. True to his family teachings, Mr. Means is an active Democrat, and stands high in the local political circles. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Means has a keen appreciation of the fact that our farming population is the very bone and sinew of the nation. He knows, too, that those whose fortune it is to be the advisers and leaders of this vast class must attain, themselves, the most careful, cool and conservative judgment. He shapes his daily life with the aim always in view of being of the utmost value to himself, his friends, his townspeople, and his country.

REV. JOHN A. BAILEY, the revered pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Mt. Jackson, Pa., was born near Candor, Washington Co., Pa., May 22, 1835. His great-grandfather, Alexander Bailey, was a Highlander, living near old Billie Castle, Scotland; on account of his pronounced religious views, he was driven from his native country, and settled in the north of Ireland, where he lived with his family a few months, and then emigrated to America, taking up his residence in Carlisle Barracks, Cumberland County. There he lived until about 1773, when he moved farther west to Washington Co., Pa., where he died at the age of ninety-seven. It is a rather curious fact that his wife lived to be one hundred and seven years old, thus exceeding his own very advanced age by ten years.

The names and years of the births of their children as found in the old family register are as follows: Matthew, born 1749; William, 1752; Ann, 1753; Mary, 1755; Jeanette, 1758; Alexander, 1761; James, 1763; and John, our subject's grandfather, who was born Sept. 24, 1765.

John Bailey took up the occupation of farming, and lived on his farm in Washington County all his life, dying at the age of eighty-seven. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Gailey, married him June 18, 1799, and lived to enjoy sixty-seven happy years of life. Their children were: Jane; Matthew; Nancy; James; Marguerite; Alexander; Mary; John; Ann; and William.

Matthew Bailey, the father of Rev. John A., was born in Washington Co., Pa., and married Ann Smiley, daughter of William and Sarah (Brownlee) Smiley. He inherited a farm adjoining his father's estate, and became a very progressive and well-to-do man, following general farming all of his days, his death taking place when he was aged seventy-five years. For many years he occupied the responsible position of elder in the Associate and United Presbyterian Church. His wife was taken to the world beyond in her seventy-seventh year. Their children included these members: Rev. John A.; William S.; Sarah; Alexander; James P.; Margaret; Samuel M.; and Matthew C.

Rev. John A. Bailey passed his early years on the farm, and perfected by hard work that rugged manhood that has descended to him from his Highland great-grandfather. When nineteen years of age, having already completed the course of studies required in the district schools, he entered the Westminster College, from which

he graduated July 7, 1859. Immediately thereafter, he became a student in the Allegheny Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church of Allegheny City, Pa., where he took a full theological course of four years, and was licensed to preach the Gospel Sept. 3, 1862, by the Lake Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, and was ordained and installed June 23, 1863, as pastor of the churches at Sheakleyville and New Vernon, Mercer Co., Pa., and continued over that charge for six years, giving entire satisfaction as a teacher of the Gospel, and proving his ability as a winner of souls to the Standard of Christ by increasing the membership of the churches in large measure. He was then called to Sidney, Shelby Co., and to Wellsville, Columbiana Co., Ohio, and on Jan. 1, 1883, assumed the duties of pastor of the U. P. Church at Sharon, Pa., where he officiated until Nov. 8, 1892, when he came to Mt. Jackson, and began his work in the U. P. Church with one hundred and twenty-five members, and by his earnest efforts has increased the membership to one hundred and sixty-six. The church was organized about 1820 or 1822, and the first church home was erected in 1825; this structure was replaced with a frame edifice in 1857, in dimensions 40x50, which is still occupied, and is located a half a mile south of the village. Mr. Bailey has also been instrumental in beautifying and remodeling the parsonage. He is a man of great power, of exceptional organizing ability, and merits well the esteem in which he is held; he is popular among all classes, the rich and the poor and the old and the young, for he has always a friendly greeting ready for everyone, and ever looks on the very brightest side of life.

His life-partner, with whom he was united in marriage bonds Oct. 19, 1860, was before her marriage Belle Porter, a daughter of John M. and Isabella (Guy) Porter. She was born in Mahoning township, this county, but passed the most of her years of young womanhood at Clarksville, Mercer County.

It affords us great pleasure in being able to present the portrait of Mr. Bailey which appears in connection with this sketch on a preceding page.

ROBERT D. PATTISON. This solid and substantial citizen and farmer of Union township was born on the farm that is now the scene of his agricultural operations July 29, 1841, and is a son of David and Jane (Stewart) Pattison. David Pattison was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where he worked at his trade of cotton-spinner before he came to America when a young man. He came to Western Pennsylvania, and found employment in quarry work, building the old canal. Being industrious and filled with the desire to provide a home to which he might ask his sweetheart whom he had left in Scotland, he soon accumulated sufficient property to be able to purchase fifty acres of land that now constitutes the farm of his son, the subject of this sketch. He built a log-cabin and cleared a plot for a garden, and then sent for Jane Stewart, to whom he had been engaged before coming to this country, commencing his married life on the new farm. The clearing of the land went on when he had no other work. Through their observance of the rugged Scotch principles of

thrift, honesty and independence they won the honor and admiration of all they came to know. Mr. Pattison's last years were devoted to gardening, and his death took place when he was eighty-four years old. His wife, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, passed to the better land beyond the river of death at the age of eighty-six. Their children were: David C.; Mary; William S.; Jeanette; Robert D.; Alexander S.; and two that died in infancy.

Our subject stayed at home and cared for his parents, and assisted his father in building a new frame house and barn, inheriting the same with forty-four acres of choice land. In 1855, he enlarged the barn, and has brought about great improvements in the condition of his property since it came into his possession, and he now owns a home which is replete with comfort. Everything is neat and in excellent repair, denoting an owner who knows the value of good appearances. In years past he was accustomed to utilize the summer and fall seasons in doing threshing for the grain-growers of the township, for he owned the only thresher; in late years, however, he has devoted his time to general farming, and has also raised many barns in the surrounding country.

Mr. Pattison married Miss Maggie E. McCreary, daughter of Thomas McCreary, who resides with Mr. Pattison, and this union has been fruitful of five children: Thomas M., a machinist of New Castle, who married Lillian E. Daggart, and has one son, Paul; Adella J., who married David Wilson, and has one child, Cleda; John D.; Nanny P.; and Robert H. The three younger children live at home. Mr. Pattison affiliates with the Republican party; he is decided in his opinions, brave and courageous in the expression

of them, and conscientious in the endorsement of everything he believes to be just and right. It is hardly necessary to add that he is one of the most valued citizens of Union township, whose growth and development he has been at pains to foster. Mr. and Mrs. Pattison are members of the old Covenanters' Church; they are highly esteemed in their community, and are admirably filling their position as useful members of society, being the promoters of intelligence, education, and the highest of moral principles.



HARRY M. MOORE, one of the foremost citizens of Wilmington township, Lawrence Co., Pa., who fully knows the power and influence which the farming community has in the affairs of this county of ours, and who has made it his life work to be an upright, respected and worthy member of that community, was born on the place where he now resides Dec. 6, 1861. He is a son of Hon. A. P. and Rebecca (Junkin) Moore.

The grandfather was a native-born Pennsylvanian, and followed farming up to the date of his early decease, when forty years of age. He was the father of six children, who were named as follows: William; David; Jonathan; Alexander P.; Nancy, deceased; and one that died in infancy.

Hon. A. P. Moore, father of the subject of this writing, first saw the light of day in Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he spent his early days. He was educated in the schools of Alexander, of the above-named county, and while still a youth

went into the stock business at the age of sixteen in partnership with his uncle Alexander Patterson. Becoming very prosperous and well-to-do, he invested his surplus profits in real estate, buying about the year 1830 in Wilmington township, this county, the estate known as the Buckwater place, a farm that contains upwards of 1,000 acres. This is the property which our subject now owns and operates. In 1847, he built the handsome and substantial residence, which stands on the place. In 1873 the spacious barns now in use were added, thus making the equipment of the farm complete in every respect. Mr. Moore had in his day probably as extensive an acquaintanceship with the people of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio as any man in Lawrence County; his business interests carried him over a great area of country, and he became very familiar with the people and the resources of many sections. He was energetic in all affairs of life, and twice in his history was prevailed upon to represent this district in the State Legislature at Harrisburg. This position he filled so well that he could have held higher offices in the State or Nation had he so willed, but his interest in the stock business was too keen to permit any political ambition to control his actions. His whole life was one of active work and well-directed effort. That he prospered was a logical result. He died on the home estate at the advanced age of eighty years. Hon. A. P. Moore was twice united in the bonds of marriage. First to Rebecca Junkin, to whom seven children were born: John Agnew; Anna; Mary; Benjamin; David; Harry M.; and Oliver, now deceased. After four years of widowerhood, he married

Anna Saterfield, but no children resulted from this union.

Harry M. Moore received the best training that our schools could afford. He finished the common school course, and then attended the State Normal School at Edinboro for two years, finally finishing with a business course, pursued at Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, Pa. At his father's death he came into possession of the home estate, and has followed agriculture in all its varied phases ever since. It goes without saying that a man who has the care of such a vast stretch of cultivated land as does Mr. Moore must be a busy person, and he is. The whole estate, however, bears undisputed marks of painstaking care and nice management. Mr. Moore has a decided talent for details and the ability of accomplishing a great deal of work in a minimum period of time. He finds leisure sufficient to keep well posted on what is transpiring at home and abroad, and his methods are those of a modern farmer. His specialty is stock-raising, though his place is well fitted to raise anything that grows in this climate.

Mr. Moore married Rachel McCreary, daughter of William and Nancy (Cunningham) McCreary of New Wilmington, the latter a daughter of the well-known Stewart C. Cunningham. Mr. McCreary and his wife were the parents of eight children: Rachel Lavena, wife of our subject; James Scott, deceased; Stewart C., who married Agnes Hamilton, and has one son, Harry Warner; Ida, who became the wife of G. D. Hoffman, a druggist of Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pa.; Sarah, who lives at home, and who is known in musical circles of the coun-

ty as a proficient and artistic warbler and whistler; Eva Mary, a graduate of the Westminster College of Music, and a music teacher of wide experience since 1892, lives at home; Myrtle, now attending Westminster College; and Mary Edna, who is studying for the career of an elocutionist. The McCreary family are Methodists in their church leadings, and have always occupied a prominent and respected place in the community. Along with the many excellent qualities which our subject inherits from his honored father is a strain of true Republican spirit, with which is commingled a great amount of real patriotism. Mr. Moore is proud of the nation, and proud of the Keystone State. He lives in what he is convinced is the best county in the State, and his neighbors say that he has one of the best, if not the best, tract of land in that county. His prosperity is gratifying to all, and his ready, good-natured ways have won him many friends and well-wishers on every side.

ALVAH S. VAN GORDER is not only a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Perry township, Lawrence Co., Pa., but he is also a grandson of one of the men who, with brawny arm, ready axe and fixed resolve, came into the wilderness that once existed, where there are prosperous and productive farms to-day, to build homes and to found families. Mr. Van Gorder was born on the farm of his present residence, March 27, 1839. He was a son of Jacob and Nancy (Elliott) Van Gorder. The grandfather referred to above was the old and well-known pioneer, Jacob Van Gorder, Sr., who was born

in the State of New Jersey, but at an early age came west and made his first stand in Washington County. About 1800, he removed into Perry township, and bought a small tract of land which his grandson, Alvah, owns to-day. On it he erected a small log cabin which he replaced later on with a larger house. Jacob Van Gorder, Sr., departed this life at the age of seventy-seven.

Jacob Van Gorder, the younger, and father of Alvah, our subject, first opened his eyes in the year 1805 on the home place in Perry township. Attaining early manhood, he assisted his father in clearing the land, and in 1839 was able to buy an adjoining farm, which had been settled by Mr. Allen. The same year he built a stone house, the material used being quarried and cut to size by a Mr. Manlin. Mr. Van Gorder finished clearing his farm, and had a fine orchard set out and bearing luxuriantly before much time had elapsed. In 1844, he threw a dam across the Slippery Rock Creek and put up a saw-mill. Here he manufactured lumber for the rapidly-growing country, and did a general custom work during the remainder of his active days. A grist-mill was also built by Mr. Van Gorder in 1859, and from then on he conducted a heavy flouring business. These various enterprises, backed up by his sterling business attributes, and managed with skillful care, soon made Mr. Van Gorder a wealthy man and gave him a standing in the community second to none. He lived out a long and useful life, dying in 1887 at the age of eighty-two. Mr. Van Gorder was, up to the Civil War, a Whig, and since that event was ever a Republican of the soundest type. His religious views were those entertained by the members of the Presbyterian Church. His wife

Nancy was a daughter of Andrew Elliott of Perry township, and her life extended into the year 1884, when she passed away at the age of seventy-four. They were the parents of nine children, whose names were: Andrew E.; Israel; Margaret; Louisa; Elmira; Alvah S., our subject; James; Nancy Belle; and Robert S.

Alvah S. Van Gorder grew up to manhood assisting his father on the farm and in the mills. He inherited a part of the old place and bought an adjoining piece of property, so that to-day he owns a tract of 122 acres, all improved land in most excellent condition. He still keeps the old stone house in repair, and makes good use of it, although in 1870 he built an attractive dwelling-house. He also erected some new barns a few years ago. Mr. Van Gorder follows general farming, and has always maintained a small but choice dairy. The mills in which he holds a third interest have also taken up much of his time with handsome profits as the result. His wife, Rebecca, is from one of the old pioneer families, a daughter of Joseph Marshall. Six children have blessed their union, all of whom are living at this writing. They are: Lilah Belle, the wife of William Hazen, now living with her husband on the old homestead; Nannie, who married R. W. McElwaine, and has become the mother of three children—Roy A., Samuel E., and Mary E.; Joseph A., a student; Jacob E., who is living at home; S. Jennie; and Bardella.

Mr. Van Gorder has always been a follower of the political destiny of the Republican party. He has been too busy a man to ever aspire to any official position, but has devoted some time to the minor positions of usefulness which his fellow-townsmen have almost forced upon him.



DR. JAMES REYNOLDS HAUN.



MRS. JESSIE P. HAUN.

He is a gentleman of intense patriotism, and loves well the land of his fathers. He appreciates to the full his duties as a citizen and as a native-born American. In business, he is shrewd, upright and exact. His social relations are of the pleasantest nature, and few men stand higher in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen than does he. Surrounded by those elements that make life worth the living, he finds with each succeeding day matters of live interest into which he throws the same energy and activity which has been of such valued service to him these many years.



DR. JAMES REYNOLDS HAUN. This cultured and learned gentleman, whose talents and superior natural ability have been given to the relieving of pain, and to the caring for those who have been brought into dire straits of sickness by inimical diseases, is the leading and oldest practitioner of the medical profession in Edenburg, Mahoning township, and has been a graduate physician for a period extending over thirty years. In villages and small settlements, the doctor plays a more important part in the domestic economy than in the large cities, for he is usually a man of superior attainments, and possesses the confidence and esteem of his patrons quite as much as the minister, being often consulted in matters quite foreign to his line of work, so high is the estimation in which he is held. The family doctor is more competent to judge of his patient's condition, and what remedy should be applied to the particular case, than one, who with perhaps greater medical knowl-

edge and more expert technical skill has not that intimate acquaintance with the person's temperament and the traces of heredity that appear in him, that are so much an index to a successful treatment of the case. Dr. Haun for the past ten years has been connected with the medical profession in Edenburg, and numbers a wide circle of patrons, whose reliance is on him in time of disease and physical trouble.

Dr. Haun was born in Shippenville, Clarion Co., Pa., July 27, 1842, of respectable German parentage. Soon after he had finished his district school education he enlisted in 1861 in Co. A, 103d Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served four years, four months and eleven days; he was taken prisoner at Plymouth, North Carolina, and sent to that awful prison-pen, Andersonville Prison, where so many brave sons of the North, thousands in number, fought for their life against starvation, fever, sickness of all sorts, and the gross indignities heaped upon them by barbarous Confederate butchers. How many a "vacant chair" about firesides in Northern homes testified to the terrible treatment that was accorded Northern prisoners of war in Southern prisons! Dr. Haun was kept in Andersonville Prison ten months and sixteen days. He then was delivered to the United States Government. Returning from the fratricidal struggle, he turned his attention to the study of law, and was admitted to the bar of Clarion Co., Pa., in 1866, and practiced two years; he had, however, mistaken his profession, so he dropped what law practice he had, and secured a collegiate education in the Cannonsburg College. He then studied medicine with Isaac W. Mesce of Shippenville, and graduated from the Jefferson Medical

College of Philadelphia in 1867. He began his practice with Dr. I. W. Mesce in Shippenville, where he remained seven years; he was then a physician in Allegheny City seven years, in Elk City five years, and in Oreville six years. In 1887, he came to Edenburg, and succeeded the venerable Dr. E. M. Ilgenfritz, and at once proceeded to build up and extend that practice. He has been very successful, and is entitled to be called one of the most popular men in the village or in the township.

Henry Haun, his grandfather, was a native of Hesse Cassel, Germany; he was taken prisoner while serving in a revolt against the government, and was imprisoned for eight years, his wife and children being left to do the best they could to keep soul and body together. His brother Henry decided to come to America, and to relieve the poor mother of the support of part of her family, he brought three of the children with him, and settled at Wilkesbarre, Pa. One of these boys, who was only fourteen days old when they crossed the sea, was Thomas Haun, Jr., the father of Dr. Haun. He was a lover of horses from boyhood, and contrived it that in all his occupations horses should be his companions. As he approached manhood he became a teamster, hauling what was called a "canastoga" wagon from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, transporting merchandise one way and provisions on the return trip; it took eighty-three days to make the round trip, crossing the mountains twice. The "stogies," so well known to users of the "weed" in and about Pittsburgh, have their origin connected with the canastoga wagon; it runs like this, that the teamsters on these wagons used to take a handful of the na-

tive leaf from the plants in the fields along the route, and make it into a rude cigar, and these were called after the wagon "canastogas," which became shortened to the present name. Thomas Haun, our subject's father, settled in Clarion County, at Shippenville, where he spent his last years in retirement, dying at the age of eighty-six in 1879; his love for his equine friends kept up to the last, and he was never without at least one horse. His wife, Rachel, who was a daughter of Jonathan Morris, lived until 1891, when she fell into the last sleep which knows no waking at the age of eighty-one. Of eight children born to them, three lived to grow to manhood: Henry of Butler County; John of Callensburg, Clarion Co., Pa.; and James R., our subject. Thomas was a Whig in politics, and held many of the minor offices of the township. During the later days of slavery, when the Abolitionists established the underground railway for the transportation of slaves to Canada, Mr. Haun kept a station, and was instrumental in helping many a poor black to freedom.

Dr. Haun married as his first wife Miss Clara A. Dunkle, daughter of Peter Dunkle of Clarion County; she died in 1875, aged twenty-six years, leaving two children behind—Minnie, who married Leslie Stewart, and has four children, Onda, Ruth, Coral Haun, and one that died in infancy; Sally, who married B. D. Wood and has one child, Donolly. Our subject was united the second time in matrimonial bonds to Jessie Powell, daughter of Andrew and Mertella (Stewart) Powell of Lawrence County. Andrew Powell was a farmer all his life; his wife still survives him, aged 68 years. The following children were born to them, all of whom are living but one:

Fidelia; Elcethia; Floyd; Elzeta; Rosetta; Iona; Jessie F.; Dora; Mertella; Adelaide; Clyde; Lyle; and Roxanna, who died at twelve years of age. This second union has been blessed with one daughter, Elzeta Maud, born in Edenburg, June 2, 1887. Dr. Haun is a stanch Republican; he attends the M. E. Church with his wife, who is a member, but he has never made any profession of religion. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 226 of Clarion Co., Pa.; and is a past grand and royal patron of the Encampment No. 90. He was a charter member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 326 of Wampum, this county, and still retains an active membership.

As a talented and worthy member of that most honorable of all professions, medicine, it gives us pleasure to present Dr. Haun's portrait on a preceding page, and with it also appears an excellent likeness of his most estimable wife and helpmeet, Mrs. Jessie P. Haun.

PARKER SIMISON. This leading citizen of Volant, Washington township, who now in the sunset of his life, having provided liberally for all his children, is in the main leading a retired life at his residence in the village, although engaging still to some extent in agricultural labors on his two farms, was born at New Garden, Columbiana Co., Ohio, May 4, 1828. He was a son of Robert E. Simison, who was born at Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.

Our subject's father received the customary district school education, and upon its completion, learned the hatter's trade, serving an ap-

prenticeship of several years. He then went to the State of Ohio and worked at his trade at various places as a journeyman, but at last tiring of the confinement he embarked in farming in Portage Co., Ohio, where he continued to be numbered among the citizens of that county until his death at the age of fifty-six. He was a self-educated man in many respects, and what he knew was chiefly obtained from books and experience, particularly from the latter source. Blessed with an intelligence far above the ordinary run, foresighted in his judgment, and cool in his calculations, we see in him many of the traits that show so plainly in his son, the distinguished subject of this sketch. In his political bearings, it may be said that he never deserted the Republican standard, voting the straight ticket as a loyal member of the party. His wife died at the age of sixty-six.

Parker Simison, after obtaining as much of an education as was practicable in the neighboring district schools of his native place, came to Mercer County and hired out to a farmer, with whom he then remained about three years. Starting "on his own hook," he rented a farm in that county, intending to purchase the property, so soon as he became equal to the task. After four years of renting, the farm became his by purchase, which was known as the "Old Herd Farm" in Mercer County, partly improved, but for the most part in a state of semi-wildness. While he owned the place, he made a number of improvements, lasting and extensive in character, principally comprised in fencing and in ditching. He sold this property about 1866, and then bought a mill in connection with a small farm in Wilmington, Pa., and spent \$1,500 for

necessary improvements, which placed the mill and farm in the best possible shape. Meanwhile he bought a farm two miles from the mill, and turned the milling property over to his two oldest sons, removing to the new farm with the remainder of the family. He lived on the farm one year, and sold it and with the proceeds next bought one hundred acres adjoining the farm he had sold in Wilmington township, this county, and remained there one year. He then came to Volant and purchased two small farms and the Volant milling property, which a little later he turned over to his two sons, David and Patrick. This is the splendid record of a man who was alive to the opportunities of life that lie around on every hand, awaiting the clever man who knows the value of things to seize them and make the most of them. He seems to be peculiarly gifted with the power to turn everything into gold, but this power on analysis resolves itself into a correct knowledge of the value of depreciated property, and of the value of improvements, and into an ability to seize the proper moment and strike when the iron is hot. He ranks high among his fellow-townsmen as a shrewd business man, whose success has been brought about only in the most open and legitimate manner. He is alert and zealous in building up his part of the county, and thinks there is no such country for farming as may be found in Lawrence and the neighboring counties, in which opinion he is supported by every citizen who is alive to the best interests of this section of the State. He is stanch and steadfast in his advocacy of Republican political doctrines, and is known as a skilled politician, although he has never sought political office for himself.

Miss Esther E. McKean, daughter of William McKean, accepted his invitation to share his heart and home, and in the course of their married life has presented him with ten children, namely: Mary E., who married J. Backup of Sheakleyville, Pa., and has three children—Guy P., Earl, and Emma; William E., who formed a matrimonial alliance with Effie Crooks, and has four children—Charley, Parker, John W., and Ruth; Barney, who married Ada McMillen, and has a family of three children—Cora, Edna, and Frank; Margaret, who became the wife of James McMahon; David, who married Tillie J. Jordan, and has two children—Paul J. and Raymond P.; Patrick R., who married Della Sloucum, who died and left him one daughter, Jennie; Jennie, deceased; Carrie, who became the wife of Dr. J. P. Kirk of Wampum, Lawrence County; and Jack G., who lives at home with his parents. The family have always been faithful attendants of the M. E. Church, and the children were brought up to reverence its faith.



JOHN THOMAS, one of the leading and most prosperous agriculturists of Lawrence County, engaged in carrying on general farming operations on the farm, which he inherited from his father in Perry township, was born in the above township on the aforementioned farm May 9, 1838.

Daniel Thomas, the father of the subject of this notice, was born in Beaver Co., Pa., and received his education in the common schools, to which was added the advantages desired from a course in New Brighton Academy. In 1830,

he selected the land, one hundred acres in area, in Perry township, which is now farmed by his son John. The same year he built a house, and afterwards the outbuildings suitable for farm work. Hearty and rugged of constitution, he enjoyed a delightful old age, and died at the age of ninety years. He stood well in the community, as he was industrious, enterprising, and public-spirited, and his dealings always prospered, no matter in what line; being a man of genial, warm nature, he was liked by his neighbors, who considered him one of the best men in the world, and worthy of the highest confidence and esteem. He took a lady of Wayne township, Lawrence County, to be his companion through the walks and trials of life, Dorothy Aiken, daughter of William Aiken, and they reared the following children: William; John; whose biography is recorded here; Sarah; Elam; and David. The family were very regular attendants of the United Presbyterian Church.

Elam Thomas, the grandsire of John, was born near Baltimore, Maryland, and followed agricultural callings during his life, his death taking place at the age of sixty-three. During the Indian War he served for nine months in the U. S. Army, and received a pension for such services as he rendered during that period.

Daniel Thomas, the father of Elam, and great-grandfather of John, was a hardy Welshman, who left his native country to mend his lot in life in the new republic over the seas. He settled near Baltimore, Md., and reared his family there. In his younger days he taught school, but his life was spent chiefly in the culture of the soil, slave-labor being almost exclusively used, a not uncommon thing in those days.

John Thomas enjoys the unique distinction of having passed his entire life on the homestead which was bequeathed to him by his father. During the last twenty years, he has wrought various changes, and made the place modern in its appointments in every respect. His specialty is breeding fine draught horses, and he never has to hunt far for a market for his products. Sheep-raising has also claimed a share of his time, and he has always maintained a small dairy since he has been identified with the agricultural interests of his community.

On June 27, 1871, were celebrated the nuptials of John Thomas and Elizabeth Stunkard, a daughter of William Stunkard of Hickory township. These three daughters grace their home: Maragret B.; Dorothy M.; and Anna E. Religiously they incline toward the United Presbyterian Church, and politically Mr. Thomas affiliates with the Republican party. Mr. Thomas has no bigotry nor narrow-mindedness in his make-up; he is broad and liberal in his views, and although he expresses himself strongly on subjects in which he is interested, he respects the rights of other people to entertain opposite opinions. Charitable and magnanimous, he invites no quarrels, and should a breach be opened between him and one of his acquaintances, he is always ready to take the first step toward a reconciliation. That he is popular and a well-liked personage is attested by the fact that he has served as school director three terms, has been assessor two terms, judge of election one term, and in 1897 officiated in the capacity of overseer of the poor. Mr. Thomas is very influential in Perry township, and commands the esteem and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

FREDERICK E. POISTER, editor and proprietor of the *Ellwood Citizen*, a weekly paper of Ellwood City, Pa., was born May 9, 1857, in Wetzlar, Rhenish Prussia, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Shaefer) Poister, being a descendant of old and representative families. John Poister, his father, served in the regular army in the 29th infantry at Koblenz, and after his term was over was an officer in the provincial court at Wetzlar. In December, 1862, having lost his wife, he resigned his position and brought his four children, two sons and two daughters, with him to America, and settled at Galion, Ohio, where he resided until his death in Nov., 1896.

It was the intention of Mr. Poister to become an artist, and with this end in view, he studied with several prominent painters, two of whom had spent years in Rome, Munich, Dresden and Paris, and was therefore far advanced in free-hand drawing, when he found that his means would not prove adequate to the demands upon them, so he diverted his attention to photography, which profession he followed with ordinary success for several years. While engaged at this work, though scarcely more than a youth in his early twenties, he did some work in preparing special articles for the daily papers, and his increasing reputation led him into the field of his present success. He was soon recognized as a writer of real ability, as his style was pleasing and of a nature to hold the reader, and his thought was of the best and stated in the most attractive manner, and because of the demand for his articles he was given responsible positions to fill. He assisted in writing an early history of the State of Ohio, and was the first to write up the narrative of Grant's Boyhood Days

in Georgetown, Ohio, as it appeared in the *Cleveland World*; these are two well-known assignments that were given him, but he had many others, equally important, which space forbids us mentioning. He came to Ellwood City in 1894, and occupied the editorial chair at the *Motor* office for several weeks, and in June of that year he formed a partnership with J. H. Ash, and founded the *Ellwood Citizen*, a non-partisan weekly of eight pages. At the expiration of one year, Mr. Poister purchased his partner's interest, and assumed entire charge of the sheet. A building suitable for the business was needed quite badly, and so in 1895 Mr. Poister erected a handsome brick block, two stories high, on Lawrence Avenue near Eighth Street; the first floor is used for a store, and the second for the printing establishment. Mr. Poister, with the idea of making his printing-house superior to anything of its kind in Ellwood City, and equal to anything in the county, put in the best modern machinery, and has a full equipment for printing and job work of various kinds; all the power that is used in the building is generated by a water-motor, and this shows in part the up-to-dateness of the equipment. The *Citizen* is one of the best papers in the county, has a weekly circulation of one thousand copies, is devoted to the welfare of Ellwood City and the surrounding country, and is of great value to advertisers, as it exerts a deep influence on the reading public, as a reliable, newsy sheet. Although his views are not expressed in the editorials, Mr. Poister is a Republican, and has come to be one of the foremost men of the town. He has served in the council one term. There is a good field in journalism for a young man of



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Mr. Poister's type, and as he is now in his prime, he will no doubt score more brilliant successes in the future, and justify the promise of his beginning as a writer.

Mr. Poster married Miss Carrie E. Seymour, a former teacher in the public schools at Kent, Ohio, whose parents are Andrew and Mary (Seibold) Seymour, the latter deceased, of that town, and they have three children to brighten their home: Bessie G.; Clyde A.; and Ralph S. Our subject and wife are estimable people, and mingle in the best society, being held in admiration and respect by a large circle of friends.

GERSHUM B. INGHAM. Ranking among the important products of Lawrence County is the Beaver Valley sandstone, which is quarried in large quantities for building purposes in the southern part of the county near Chewton; the heaviest producer and dealer in this excellent building material is the Consolidated Stone & Mining Co., which has extensive quarries in Beaver Valley between Chewton and Rock Point, Pa., along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad. This company was organized in 1881 by Gershun B. Ingham, whose personal history we are now relating, and his two brothers, Gomer E. and John G. They are the largest dealers in sandstone in Western Pennsylvania, and also deal largely in all other building materials, including lumber, limestone and granite.

Our subject was born in Duquesne borough, Allegheny Co., Pa., now Bennett, near Pittsburgh, July 4, 1852, and is a son of Joseph and Jane (Davis) Ingham, both natives of Wales.

The father of our subject came to the United States in 1840, and settled near Pittsburgh, and worked in and managed the iron mills of Spang, Chalfant & Co. of Etna, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, from 1840 to 1890. By trade he was a puddler. His wife, Jane, was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Davis of Pittsburgh, Pa., who came to this country from Wales in 1840 with their family of children, among whom was our subject's mother. Six children were born to our subject's parents, as follows: William, who married Laura Freeman of Sharpsburg, Pa., and had four children—Joseph, Nellie, Charles, and Jane, deceased; Gershun B.; John G., who married Anna McConville of Steubenville, Ohio, and has one child, Martha J.; Gomer E.; George, who married Bella Howells of Etna, Pa., who bore him one child, Herbert S.; and Elizabeth, who resides with her father at Etna, Pa. Our subject's father is hale and hearty for one of his years, and recently spent three months in Europe, visiting his native home in Wales. In his political belief he is a steadfast Republican, and held the office of school director in his own town in Allegheny County. Socially he is an Odd Fellow. In religious matters he is a Baptist, and for many years has been a deacon in that church.

Gershun B. Ingham was educated in the schools of Pine Creek, now Etna, Pa., and then in the academy of Sharpsburg, Pa., and subsequently in the Western University of Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. He then worked four years on a farm for his father, after which he entered Duff's College of Pittsburgh, Pa., from which institution he graduated in 1872. In the fall of that year, he went to Harmony, Indiana, where

he became assistant superintendent of a blast furnace, owned by the Indianapolis Rail Mill Co., of which the late Vice-President Hendricks was a leading figure. In 1874, Mr. Ingham went to Jackson, Ohio, where he engaged in the buying of iron ore for the Tropic and Star Furnace Co. of Jackson, Ohio. In the following year he entered the employ of an Oil Well Supply Co., and represented it in the oil region of Pennsylvania until 1878, when he engaged in the ice business in Etna, Pa., on his own account, remaining in that business until 1881. In that year he ventured in the stone business, in which he has proved so uniformly successful. In business circles, his word is good as gold and his integrity goes without question; an indorsement from him carries its full meaning.

On Jan. 17, 1878, the marriage ceremony was performed that united our subject and Miss Caroline Loeffler in the lasting tie of matrimony; Mrs. Ingham is a daughter of Martin and Matilda Loeffler, the former of Heidelberg, Germany, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania. Seven children have graced our subject's marriage: Albert G.; John; Merle; Aquilla; Edith; Jane M.; and Paul H., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ingham are members of the Baptist Church of New Castle, Pa. Our subject's politics are familiar to those who are at all acquainted with him as being Republican. Socially, he is an Odd Fellow of Wampum Lodge, No. 865 of Wampum, this county; Knights of Pythias, Wampum Lodge, No. 440; and Royal Arcanum, Penn Council, No. 420, of New Castle, Pa. As one of Lawrence County's representative business men, we place the portrait of Mr. Ingham in this Book of Biographies.

HIRAM K. HARTSUFF, deceased, a well-known and universally respected citizen of New Castle, was born in Mercer Co., Pa., and was a son of Zechariah Hartsuff, who was an old settler of Mercer County, following agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He married Mary Pierce, daughter of John Pierce, and there were born to them seven children: Stewart; Lewis; Ebenezer; John; Hiram K.; Sarah (Woods); and Melissa (Scott). They were United Presbyterians and Methodists in their religious beliefs. The mother of our subject died before middle age had silvered the hair.

Mr. Hartsuff came to New Castle forty-five years ago and took up the trade of blacksmithing, learning his trade under the instruction of Mr. Clark. He operated a shop for himself in New Castle for a number of years, and then accepted a position as blacksmith in a glass factory, where he remained many years. He then rented the farm where the family now lives, and started a milk dairy which he was operating at the time of his death.

Mrs. Hartsuff's grandfather, William Kyle, was a well-to-do farmer of Lawrence County. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Chambers, there were born ten children, as follows: Eliza; Sarah; Margaret; Martha; Jane; Mary Ann; Robert; Alexander; John; and Agnes. Mr. Kyle departed this life at the age of ninety years, and his wife fell into that last sleep that knows no waking this side of the grave at the age of eighty-seven. Robert Kyle, the father of Mrs. Hartsuff, married Miss Anna Reed, a native of Lawrence County, and to them were given eight children, namely: Jane; Agnes; Elizabeth; William; Michael; Sarah; Mar-

guerite; and a child that died in infancy. The union of our subject and his wife was blessed with the birth of ten children, who were named: Albert; Robert; Hiram; Edward; Harry; Velma, deceased; Aggie; Theresa; Carrie and Anna. The family are United Presbyterians in their religious attachments and beliefs. Mr. Hartsuff was a Democrat, and always faithful and true in his party obligations.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, who, we are proud to say, is the largest dealer in limestone in the world, is also proprietor of the Arethusa Iron Works, and City Roller Mills, and a manufacturer of sheet iron and steel, and flour, feed, etc. Mr. Johnson is a thorough business man, and the career, which he has made for himself, and which has brought him wealth and those things that wealth bestows, is worthy of imitation in every particular, for he has strictly adhered to the upright principles which enter into the business life of every really successful man, and his business methods are open to the most critical inspection. Among the citizens of New Castle he occupies a high place, and it is with pride that they point him out as one of the most enterprising of its many energetic citizens.

Our subject was born near Clarksville, Mercer Co., Pa., in 1847, on a farm, like the greater share of the leading men of to-day, and was a son of John Smith Johnson, and grandson of John Johnson, Sr. Our subject's grandfather was also a native of the Keystone State, and was known as a prosperous farmer. His son followed in his

footsteps. Our subject's father was born and raised on the farm in Mercer County, and later worked at mining for a considerable length of time. His wife, who was stricken low at thirty-nine years of age by an attack of typhoid fever, bore him seven children, who were as follows: Jane; George W.; Salvina; Frank, deceased; Hannah; William, deceased; and Joseph S., who died at an early age. Our subject's father was aged sixty-seven years at his demise. He was an active partisan of the Democratic party, but never ranked among the aspirants for office.

George W., at the age of ten years, entered the employ of Wilson, Lean & Co., at Clinton, Pa., working at mining, and clerking in the company's store, in fact, doing whatever a bright young lad with willing hands and thoughtful beyond his years could do, and at the age of fifteen, so faithful and conscientious was he in his efforts to do the best he knew how, that he had entirely gained the confidence of his employers, who accordingly even at that early age gave him charge of several departments, and so he continued until he had full charge of the large general store, holding the position of manager until 1871, when his ambition led him to enter greater fields of labor, and make his mark in the world. With this idea of a larger and increased field of usefulness in view, Mr. Johnson with A. R. Lee, and William Patterson, formed a partnership, styling it the Lee, Patterson, Johnson Co., and entered upon the lime business at Wampum, Lawrence County, continuing in the manufacture of that material and in its traffic for a time, when our subject bought out his partners, and operated the business alone. Later on, he became associated with Green, Marquis & Co., and

in 1880 located in New Castle, where they engaged in business under the firm name of Marquis & Johnson; since 1889, Mr. Johnson has been alone in business, and to-day we find him among the most representative and prosperous of the citizens of New Castle, employing over 450 men, and although a thorough business man, he has always been very charitable and kind to the poor and needy, and respects the lowly laborer as much as those who occupy high and mighty positions.

The Arethusa Iron Works, built originally in 1873, and rebuilt by our subject in 1895, is located on Center Street, covering the greater portion of ten acres, and has the following excellent equipment for the manufacture of iron and steel; one double and four single puddling furnaces; four squaring shears; eleven trains of rolls; one squeezer for sheet iron and steel. The works use natural gas and coal, and have an annual capacity of 15,000 gross tons; W. L. Johnson, our subject's oldest son, is the general manager.

Mr. Johnson also owns and operates lime quarries at Hilltown, New Castle, the product of which is known as Bessemer limestone. He also quarries at Franklin Forge and Tyrone Forge. In addition to his other interests in the limestone industry, he is manager of the City Roller Flouring Mills, which turn out 150 barrels of flour per day. Mr. Johnson must also be included among the extensive real estate owners of New Castle, for, having confidence in the future growth of the place, he does not hesitate to invest heavily in landed property.

Mr. Johnson married Elizabeth Ann Osborn of Lawrence County, and has two children, both of them sons. William L., the elder, born Oct.

24, 1868, is a graduate of Meadvile College, Class of 1890; he then spent three years engaged in civil engineering and mining in Colorado, and in 1893 became associated with his father in the management of the iron plant. Charles H., born July 9, 1870, graduated from the Massachusetts School of Technology in 1893, followed mining and engineering in Colorado also, and in 1895 became associated with his father, having charge of the limestone business.

JACOB MUMBAUGH, an engineer on the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., in whose employ he has been for the past twenty-one years, resides at No. 6, Croton Avenue; he was born in Erie, Pa., Oct. 29, 1845, and is a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Rupert) Mumbaugh, both natives of the Rhineland, Germany. Catherine came to this country with her parents, the grandfather accompanying them also; she died in 1885, at the age of sixty-three. Nicholas Mumbaugh emigrated from Germany in 1841, and after coming to the United States lived for the first six months in Buffalo, N. Y., the Queen City of the Lakes, and from there went to Erie, Pa., where he lived five years, during which period our subject was born. From Erie he moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where he continued to reside until his death in 1890, at the age of seventy-three years. Our subject's father was a man of excellent parts, and was finely educated, being an especially good linguist, conversing fluently in French, German, English, and Spanish. Professionally, he was a bookkeeper, but was also

skilled and well-versed in all phases of landscape gardening. Of eleven children born to him and his wife, nine survive, most of whom live in Youngstown, Ohio.

Of this family of eleven, Jacob was the second in order of birth. He was an infant when his parents moved to Youngstown, and in that town he grew up, and received a public school education until he was thirteen years of age, when he began driving a team, at which occupation he was engaged for four or five years. He then had a little taste of railroad life, serving one year as a brakeman. He next served an apprenticeship of a year and a half in the bolt works in Youngstown, and continued with the firm as journeyman one year, when he went to Pittsburgh and worked at his trade five years. Becoming seriously ill, he returned home, where his sickness and convalescence kept him sixteen months. Upon recovering his accustomed health in 1867, he accepted the position of fireman on the Westerman railroad, where he remained two years, after which he came to New Castle to be the engineer for the New Castle Coal & Mining Co., with whom he remained nearly seven years. Then after a very short employment in the oil country, he was engaged by the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., Aug. 16, 1876, as an engineer on its lines, and ever since has had his name on that company's pay-rolls. The long term of service testifies to the estimation in which he is held by his employers.

Mr. Mumbaugh was married in Sharon, Pa., March 17, 1871, to Mary E. Skiles, a native of Sewickley, Pa., and a daughter of William and Susan (Smith) Skiles. Mrs. Mumbaugh is a member of the M. E. Church. In his politics, our

subject is a liberal Democrat, and is always ready to vote for a man of another party, if he thinks that by so doing he can elect a better man. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Oil City Division, No. 173; Knights of Pythias, Western Star Lodge, No. 160 of New Castle. He has been in but one very severe accident, and that occurred seven miles north of New Castle, but he was fortunate enough to escape without serious injury, other than a shaking up and a few cuts.

THOMAS COX, an extensive land-owner and progressive citizen of Wilmington township, Lawrence Co., Pa., is a descendant of one of the men who, coming into this country when it was comparatively uninhabited by white men, with wide forests covering what are now fertile and productive plains, infused their energies and ideas of thrift into the very life of the community. That Lawrence County is to-day one of the leading counties of the Keystone State, in all things that count for true prominence, is primarily due to the sort of men who founded it. That it maintains its pristine dignity and enjoys unexcelled prosperity is because the sons of those older men have the true kind of material in their composition.

The grandfather of Thomas Cox bore the same name as his esteemed grandson, the subject of this history. The older man was born in England, the son of sturdy and thriving parents. His early education was received in the English schools. When still a young man, stirred by that British spirit which has made the

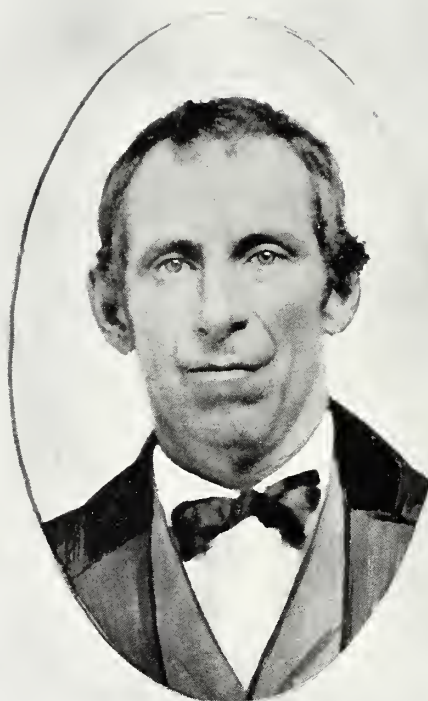
Anglo-Saxon race the power it is in all countries by its colonists, he came to this side of the water with his young wife, and located near Pittsburg, buying a farm on which he remained sixteen years. He then went to Lorain, Ohio, where he remained until his death at eighty-six years of age, occupied in agricultural pursuits. He gathered about his fireside seven children: William; Joseph; Robert; John; Thomas; Sarah; and Catherine. This family was reared under the goodly influence of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics the boys were Republicans, and all became worthy and reliable citizens.

William, the eldest son, was the father of our subject. He was born near Yorkshire, England, and came with his father and mother to this country. After finishing his education, he went into the salt business, owning and operating a salt works for many years. Being drawn toward agricultural pursuits, he finally leased the salt plant, and bought a farm of 125 acres near Pittsburg, which he successfully conducted for several years. He then leased the farm, and moved to Homestead Pa. His first wife was Hannah Ford, daughter of Joseph Ford,* and this union resulted in eight children, who were as follows: Sarah; Catherine; Joseph; Elizabeth; Thomas, the subject of this writing; William; George; and Robert A. A few years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Cox was united in wedlock with Anna Whittaker, and to them one child, John F., was born. Mr. Cox lived in Homestead until his eighty-sixth year, when the inevitable summons came, and he obeyed the call. Political and religious matters were on the same lines as in his father's home before him.

Thomas Cox was born Jan. 1, 1837, on the old

farm in Allegheny Co., Pa. His first training was in the home and in the excellent schools of his native section. As soon as he had attained the requisite strength, he began working on the home farm for his father, continuing to be employed in this manner until he was twenty-four years of age, when he came to Lawrence County. At that time he married and bought a farm of 125 acres. To this tract of land, which was very little improved when he took possession of it, he has been constantly adding everything in his power that would bring it up to his idea of what a model farm should be, so that now Mr. Mr. Cox has 215 acres of most fertile soil, all carefully looked after and brought into the highest state of cultivation. Good, substantial buildings, splendid orchards, wide-reaching meadows, and golden fields of waving grain all show Mr. Cox to be a farmer who loves his work, and appreciates fully the importance of that calling which furnishes to mankind the real necessities of life. Mr. Cox has a shrewd, discriminating eye for good stock, and in his pastures graze some of the best specimens of high-grade animals that may be seen in many a day's journey. The orchards on his farms are in full bearing, and produce about every variety of fruit that can be successfully raised in this latitude.

The beloved wife of Mr. Cox, whose maiden name was Anna Layton, is now dead. She bore to her husband three children, named: Ida M., Anna C., and John W. Ida M., became the wife of Frank McClure, and they have two children, Thomas Z. and Francis L. Miss Anna is living at home and keeping house for her father. John W. married Susan Foster, and has one son, Lawrence F.



JOHN JORDAN.

Mr. Cox has through life been an all-around, valuable citizen. He has served his townsmen in various offices faithfully and well, having at one time and another been supervisor, school director, collector, auditor, and judge and inspector of elections. Whatever he does, whether for himself or for the public, he believes in performing to the best of his abilities. Carelessness or laxness have no place in his make-up. He has reared his family in the M. E. Church, and his boys like himself are all good Republicans. The inhabitants of this section of the State all know Mr. Cox as an honest, reliable, and progressive citizen, and respect him accordingly. His prosperity is due mainly to his own industry and to the care he has taken of the worldly goods entrusted to his judicious management. He is a very approachable man, and is always a willing listener to anything that tends toward human progress and enlightenment.

JOHN JORDAN is one of the representative and foremost agriculturists of Washington township. He is a member of a family which has had a most important part in the transformation of this section from the wilderness of ninety-five years ago into the broad acres of grain fields, and the wide-spreading meadows of the present. From almost the beginning of its history, Washington township has known and respected the name of Jordan, and it is probable that the progeny and descendants of those sturdy ancestors will live on the ancestral acres for many many years to come.

Henry Jordan, born and educated in Germany, but early transplanted to American soil, was the founder of this family. He came to this land when a young man; fought against the British in the War for Independence, and wended his way into Washington township, where he found a suitable spot, and located a home. His wife, Elizabeth, bore him ten children: Elizabeth; Margaret; John; Henry; Ann; Mary; George and Daniel, twins; Mercy; and Michael. Henry Jordan and his family favored the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, which they attended whenever circumstances would permit and an opportunity presented itself. In politics, he was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and an especial admirer of Thomas Jefferson.

Henry Jordan, the younger, and father of our subject, was a resident of Baltimore, Md. He followed his father into the new country, and as soon as he was fitted to strike out for himself, he bought a farm of 200 acres, where John Jordan now lives and carries on agricultural operations. This tract was similar to the surrounding places, in that it was mainly covered with virgin forest, so Mr. Jordan was compelled by the exigencies that make the sustaining of life dependent on labor to release the fields from the bondage of the forest, and sow them to grain. He hewed away at the woodland giants and in time built the old home which now stands a relic and landmark on one portion of the estate. The faithful wife, who followed Henry Jordan through his long and busy life was a Miss Anna Anderson, daughter of Alexander Anderson, a native of Ireland. To Mr. Jordan and his wife were given eight children, who were born

in this order: Alexander; Elizabeth; Margaret; Henry; Anna; Catherine; John, our subject; and Sarah. Mr. Jordan both in political and religious matters followed his father.

John Jordan, of whom this biography is written, became a member of his parents' family April 13, 1830, being born on the farm he now owns and upon which he now resides. He passed his boyhood days in the district school and at work on the home place; as time passed on, and his respected father was laid to rest, our subject inherited the homestead. He now holds 206 acres of very fertile and well-conditioned land. Mr. Jordan* at his earliest opportunity erected the fine new house, barns and outbuildings, which to-day grace and add value to his property. He set out new and carefully-selected orchards, which have come into prolific bearing, and made what other improvements his complete knowledge of good methods could suggest. The raising of high-grade stock has always claimed his attention to a greater or less degree, and he is rated a very careful and experienced breeder, any stock coming from his place being sure to possess the characteristics Mr. Jordan claims for it, and needing no certificate of merit. Mr. Jordan has all in all spent a very busy life, and one which has borne fruits commensurate with the intelligent efforts he has ever put forth. His wife, the dearly beloved companion of so many happy years of married existence, was taken from him by death Jan. 30, 1892, at the age of fifty years. She was Margaret A. Young, daughter of Samuel Young, a native of Ireland. Mr. Jordan's influence has been felt in many ways in his native town through his connection with various societies. He has been a steady sup-

porter of the Democratic party, and has held many places of trust of a public nature, among them the offices of assessor, auditor, overseer of the poor and judge of election. The Presbyterian Church numbers him among its regular attendants and most liberal supporters. In social circles he is well and favorably known, having a disposition and manner, which bring him friends everywhere. Living on an estate, the pleasant surroundings of which are due mainly to his own efforts and good taste, he is enjoying a life of well-earned prosperity and contentment. It gives us pleasure to present his portrait on a preceding page in connection with this brief outline of his life.

GENERAL WILLIAM A. CLARK is without question the most widely known citizen of Wilmington township, Lawrence Co., Pa. He is a comparatively young man, but his life has been crowded with events of importance, which have followed one another in close succession. His fair reputation is known not only throughout the entire eastern part of the Keystone State, but his connection with vital human interests has given him a national fame.

General Clark comes from a race that has contributed as many great men to the pages of history as any people on the face of the earth. Any man who has Scottish blood coursing through his veins is bound to feel that courageous thrill and dauntless energy that is the heritage of the sons of the men who gathered around the standard of William Wallace, and who placed their own Stuart on the throne of England.

George Clark, who first saw the bright light of day at a point near Edinburgh, Scotland, was the grandfather of the subject of this personal history. Like all true Scots he was given some schooling, and taught a useful trade, which trade happened to be that of tailoring. Hearing of the opportunities in that fair and free land across the seas, he took his wife and started on the long journey to the West. He eventually found a location at New Berlin, Adams Co., Pa., where he settled, won and lived out a useful life, working mainly at his trade, and rearing a family of well-trained children whom he left to honor and perpetuate his good name. The children were, in order: George H., the father of our subject; William D.; Edward A.; Mary (Popp); Sarah (Arlabaugh); and Anna (Baker).

George H. Clark, born in New Berlin, naturally learned his father's trade, a trade that was especially useful and remunerative at that time. He continued in that line, and in 1832, with a desire to the more rapidly better his financial condition, moved to New Wilmington, Pa., where he opened a hotel, at the same time working at his trade and employing several journeymen tailors. Mr. Clark, while a finished workman in all the branches of his craft, was a most expert cutter. It took very little time for his neighbors to become cognizant of that fact, so it got to be quite the custom in the neighborhood to buy suitings of him, which he would cut for the different individuals of the family. These fabrics, cut to measure, were then taken home and made up into handsome suits by means of the housewife's busy needle.

About 1860, Mr. Clark determined to embark in the mercantile business, and so gave up his

work in the tailoring line. He then opened up a large store, which he conducted with marked success up to the date of his death in 1866, at the age of fifty-four years. Mr. Clark was a man who made his mark in the community. Possessed of unusually sound judgment, keen in perception, firm in opinion and strong in character, he was a man to whom many went with their perplexities. Seldom, indeed, did he fail to untangle the bewildering conditions, or help the applicant in his difficulty. During the period of inflated and uncertain money, he was relied upon by people for many miles around to pass judgment as to the real value of the currency that found its way into their hands, and it was a rare occurrence for him to blunder. He was a strong Whig, but later on joined his fortunes to the party of Lincoln and Sumner. Many times would his admiring fellow-citizens have bestowed public office upon him, but he had no ambition in that line.

Early in life, Mr. Clark married a lady who belonged to one of the first families of Pennsylvania. She was Miss Elizabeth Scott, a daughter of Major Francis Scott, who was an own cousin of the veteran hero of two wars, General Winfield Scott. Mrs. Clark was the oldest of a family of twelve children, and it is worthy of note, that her youngest sister is the wife of David McKinley, brother of William McKinley, President of the United States. Mrs. Clark lived out a long and useful life, passing away in 1893, at the age of seventy-six. Both she and her husband during their respective lives were consistent Christian people, and members of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Their children were: William A., subject of our article;

Mary L. (Moore); Frank S., who lives in Butler, Pa.; and George P., deceased, who was a medical practitioner at Prairie City, Iowa, the town of his demise.

General William A. Clark was ushered into this life at New Wilmington, Pa., March 25, 1843. He attended the public schools of his native town, then took a preparatory course and entered Westminster College. Here he soon attained a high standing, both as a good student and as a young man of more than ordinary promise. When the war, which was to tear the shackles from the enslaved African, broke out, the young student immediately enlisted in Co. B, of the 100th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, an independent regiment which won great renown, and which in army circles was termed the "Round Head Regiment." Our young soldier spent over three hard years in the service of his country, and made a war record that he may well be proud of. He took part in fourteen pitched battles, and was in an innumerable amount of lesser engagements. He enlisted at the beginning of hostilities as a private, but his services so advanced him that he received his discharge as a sergeant. Returning from the field, he became associated with his father in the mercantile business, and soon familiarized himself with all the many details. At his father's death, the son took charge of affairs, but shortly disposed of his mercantile interests, and entered the then fast-developing oil fields. Since that time up to 1896 the oil business in one or another of its many branches has claimed all of his time, and he has become one of the leading factors of this immense industry. General Clark was interested in laying the trunk pipe lines which

traverse the oil fields, and convey their precious burden to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. He still retains holdings in various oil properties, but has retired from the cares of an active business life.

General Clark was twice married. First in 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Aults, daughter of Isaac Aults, a leading citizen of Lawrence County; she died in 1874, leaving one son, C. Paul. The second union took place in 1877, and was with Miss Martha F. Jones. C. Paul Clark, the son of the first wife, married Miss Mary O. Heasley of Wilmington township; he was engaged in the torpedo business, and was doing finely, when death claimed him at the early age of twenty-seven. His wife and one daughter, Pauline, survived him. Martha F. Jones, the General's second wife, was a grandchild of Phillip James of Allegheny, and her mother is the widow of James Parker. To the General and his wife, two children have been given: Anna G. and William A., Jr. The daughter has made music her life study. She has had the most finished course that the best American conservatories could give, and has a studio in the Clark Block, where she gives instruction in the beautiful art. She is also a soprano of rare accomplishments, a violinist, a banjo and mandolin player, and may be regularly heard in the choir of the First United Presbyterian Church of New Castle. William A. Clark, Jr., the son, is a medical student, an electrician, and is pursuing a meritorious career at this writing.

That there is no sluggishness in the coursing of his blood, that he is energetic and wide-awake, General Clark's life-work has proved. Actively interested in the welfare of his native town, he

follows his thoughts and plans by noteworthy actions. In 1893 he originated and forced through to organization the borough water-works; a stock company was formed, and nearly the entire burden of financiering and carrying the enterprise to its completion has fallen upon the subject of this history. He built the electric plant in 1896, which his son, William A., Jr., managed until he began his medical studies. His interest in education, as well as his love for his alma mater, is shown by the gift of a well-equipped chemical laboratory to Westminster College. This building was completed in 1896, and bears the name of the William A. Clark Chemical and Art Hall. The massive brick block on Main Street, which bears his name, was completed in 1895; in this structure are located the New Wilmington Bank, the postoffice, the Clark Business College, which the General established in 1896, and a large number of office rooms, store-rooms, etc. General Clark has concluded to beautify the property formerly known as the Neshannock Falls property into a handsome summer resort, which he will open to the public about June, 1898. This place will be one of the finest in the United States. He is also erecting a new hotel, four stories high, and equipped with all the modern improvements.

General Clark is a member of all the Masonic bodies from the Blue Lodge up to and including the thirty-second degree. He is also a member in high standing of the I. O. O. F.; B. P. O. E.; A. O. U. W.; G. A. R.; and the U. V. L. In the latter order, he is very prominent, having passed in turn through all the official positions up to that of National Commander, a distinction he bore in 1893-94. In General Clark's possession

are two badges which he prizes highly, and which speak for the high merit and esteem in which he is held by his comrades. One is a badge given him as National Commander by the members of the Union Veteran Legion; the other has also been awarded him to keep, but it was one which had been handed down from the first National Commander from successor to successor until it reached General Clark. Another very handsome piece of work, which shows how the services of our subject were appreciated, is a life-size water-color painting of himself, presented him by the U. V. L.

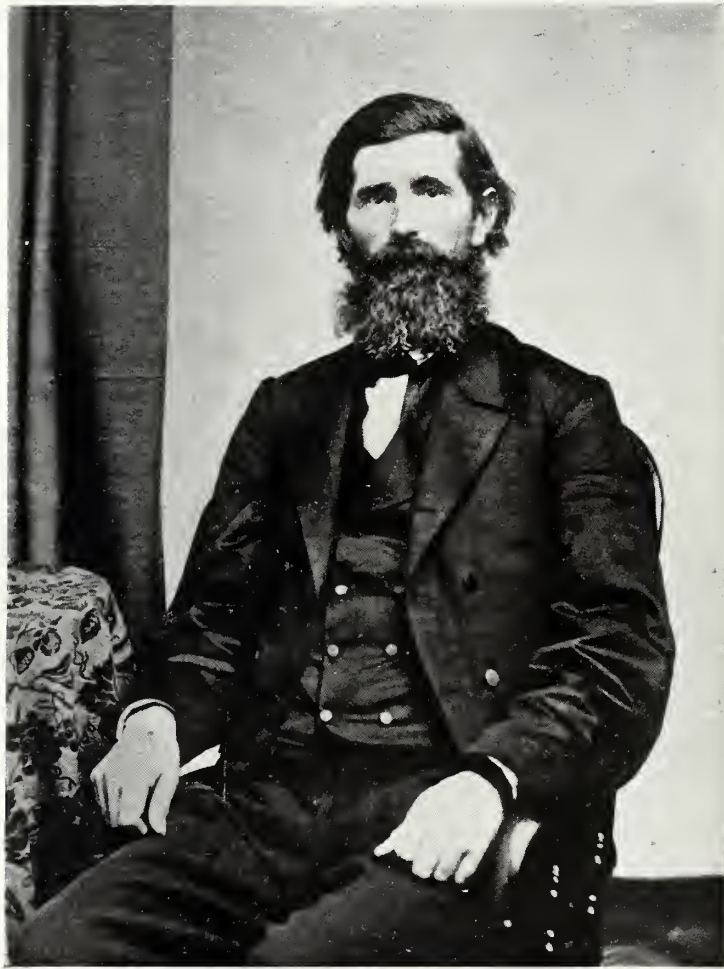
General Clark is a Republican in politics, with his convictions as deeply settled and fixed as his father's ideas of freedom. He believes in true Republicanism, not the party spirit which actuates men to do the bidding of some self-constituted leader who has no claim on their support except it be his own unblushing audacity or willingness to perform actions that a true man would be ashamed of. The kind of Republicanism that General Clark loves is the kind whose banner John C. Fremont dared to carry; that Honest "Abe" Lincoln proclaimed; that to-day William McKinley represents. To the General's mind a free-born American's right of suffrage is his dearest possession. A citizen should vote with a good, clear idea behind his ballot of what he wants that ballot to do. Men, who are leaders, should have won the right to lead by having performed actions entitling them to leadership. Ring politics, log-rolling conventions and packed primaries win General Clark's deep disdain. He is in a position to know the correctness of the stand he takes, for his experience in politics has been life-long. At the present writ-

ing he is president of the borough council, and is ever a prime factor in all civil affairs. In 1897, he was a candidate for the Congressional nomination from his district. Owing to his well-known independent attitude toward the crowd which makes up what is fittingly called the "ring" power, he was deprived of the opportunity at this time of making what would have been a brilliant and certain campaign. By a shrewd but, at the same time, square and honorable maneuver, in which he used his trained skill to advantage, he overturned the plans of the parties from his own county who tricked him out of the nomination, and gained by their defeat what was a fair and just revenge. General Clark will never cease to be a potent member of society in his chosen part of the State. The parties that seem to win at the present will in the long run find out that fair dealing, backed by open, honest ways and true patriotism, will ever come out the winner in the race.

MRS. REBECCA FRENCH of Union township is the widow of the late James French. He was born in Ireland, but was of Scotch descent, as his father and mother were born in Scotland, and settled in Ireland, where their deaths occurred. James French when thirteen years of age came to Philadelphia, and his first business was in the manufacture of ice cream. In 1866, he came to Union township and bought the farm where he resided until his death; the property was known as the R. Sankey farm. He succeeded in a very large degree, and made many valuable improvements to the land, which in the

hands of his widow has proved productive. In 1864 he enlisted from Philadelphia in the 29th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served under Col. Murphy; he contracted cholera in the army, and this caused his discharge from the army for disabilities from the Joe Holt Hospital of Indianapolis. He was never very well afterwards, and died in 1891, aged sixty-three years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his religious views he was attached to the Episcopal Church. While a resident of Philadelphia he was a member of the I. O. O. F., and in Union township was connected with the G. A. R. organization.

The excellent lady, with whom he united himself for life was Rebecca Boston, daughter of John and Maria (Morrison) Boston. John Boston was born in Butler County, near Portersville, and was engaged in farming all of his life; he settled in Neshannock township on a farm, now owned by George Green, and rounded out his career there, his death taking place at the age of sixty-three, and his wife's at the age of eighty-six. His children that grew up to maturity were: Enoch; Rebecca; Elijah; Julia; and Samuel. John Boston, himself, was a son of John Boston, Sr., to whom the following children were born: George; John; Rebecca; Elizabeth; Catherine; Samuel; Adam; William; Shefeler; and Tinna. John Boston, Sr., came from Winchester, Va., and was among the pioneers of Butler County. He settled on 225 acres of forest land, and built his log-cabin and cleared the land in the style so customary then. He cut a cradle from the body of a large tree, dug it out, and in it rocked all of his children, besides many of his grandchildren. He was a very prosperous and progressive citizen of his community, and did



JOSEPH C. FERVER.

much in bringing about the development and growth of the township. He lived to be over eighty years old. His wife, who was Elizabeth Albert, was eighty-seven or eighty-eight when she was called to her long home. The union of Mr. and Mrs. French was productive of these children: Enoch, a railroad conductor of Galatin, Tenn., married Amanda Watts, and has two children, Vivian and Elzena; Augustus, who died in his nineteenth year; McClellan, who lived to be eighteen years of age; Julia, who married Charles Coon of Pittsburg; Johnnie, who died at nine years of age; Mamie, who lives at home; and James, who is in the railroad business.

JOSEPH C. FERVER, deceased, whose portrait accompanies this sketch on the opposite page, was one of the early residents of Neshannock township, and was born, reared, and died on the paternal homestead, which is now the residence of his widow. He was born Dec. 4, 1817, and died Jan. 13, 1889. Our subject's father came to Neshannock township in 1806, from his native State, Maryland, and settled on the farm, now occupied by his son's widow; everything was a perfect wilderness, and the settlers were few and far between. He cleared a spot large enough to furnish a site for a log-house and afford a little room for a small garden patch, and lived in this homely, frontier fashion until he had largely cleared his farm, when he erected a frame dwelling to replace the one of logs. As one of the first settlers he took advantage of his intimate knowledge of the

country and its needs, and gathered together a very comfortable property. He was an honest, upright man, prompt in the discharge of every obligation, and while he was exacting as to getting his own dues, he was as equally sure to pay the last penny justly due from him to others. He was a Democrat from principle, but never had time to accept office. He married Rebecca Carle of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and their family grew to include seven children: John, who married Margaret Strita of Mercer, Pa., and has three children—Sarilla, Emma, and Orin; Fisher, who married Sophia Fobes and had three children—Samuel, Joseph C., and Sabra, deceased; Taylor, who married Margaret Randall, and was the father of one child, Clark; Joseph C., the subject of this personal history; William, who married Eliza Greer, and has a family of eight children—Nancy, Carl, Elizabeth, John, William, Wilbur, Emma, and Charles; Mary, who married John Gibson of Neshannock township, and has four children: Ira N., Plimpton, Armetta, and Capitola; and Samuel, deceased. They were members of the Methodist Church, and attended divine services in King's Chapel, Neshannock township. The father died March 15, 1861, and the mother rejoined him and other near and loved ones in the regions across the river, July 1, 1870, aged eighty-five years, having attained a greater age by eight years than her husband.

Joseph C. Ferver was educated in his native township schools, and as a young man worked on the farm, which afterward became his, on which he lived all his life; he became well-off by making diligent use of his opportunities, supplementing them with an uncommon shrewd-

ness and genius for careful and conserving management. He was a Democrat, and was elected at one time supervisor.

May 18, 1847, he was joined in marriage with Nancy Carle, daughter of Joshua Carle, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ferver were given five children, namely: Samuel, deceased; Joshua, deceased; Adaline, who married Perry Maitland of New Castle; Emma; and one that died in infancy. The family are constant attendants of the M. E. Church. Our subject's father was a soldier in the War of 1812.

WILLIAM GEARING, the leading miller of Neshannock township, and one of the county's best citizens, was born in Franklin township, in the neighboring county of Beaver, Nov. 25, 1846, and is a son of John and Margaret (Burton) Gearing.

John Gearing was of German descent and birth, and came to the United States with his parents when he was about five years of age; the family made their home in Beaver County, where John, after obtaining a good American district school education, engaged in farming which occupation he assiduously followed all of his life in Franklin township, Beaver County, and was known as a wide-awake, industrious agriculturist who by unremitting efforts has secured to himself a nice farm and many home comforts, which go so far toward making the rough paths of life smooth. In his political belief, he ever adhered to the Jeffersonian principles of the old-line Democratic party. He gathered about his fireside six children, who were: Sophia, who mar-

ried Jacob Young of Beaver County, and has these children—Katie, Elizabeth, Emma, Molly, Charles, Frank, John, and Amanda; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Brenner, and has this family—Jacob, Henry, Daniel, John, Frank, Matilda, Agnes, deceased, and Annie; Mary, who married Nicholas Workley, a native of Germany, but now a resident of the State of Pennsylvania, to whom she bore Phoebe, Charles, Louise, John, Edward, and Lizzie—after Mr. Workley's death, she married as her second husband Henry Noggle of Lancaster, Pa.; Katie, the fourth child of our subject's parents, married Peter Brua, who was born in Germany, and now lives in Perry township, Lawrence County, and they have two children, Charles and John; William, our subject; Charles, who married Caroline Bentrum of Butler Co., Pa., and has five children—Edward, Matilda, Harry, Fred, and John. The family are Presbyterian in religious belief. Mrs. Gearing died Nov. 5, 1894, but she is still survived by her husband, who was born in 1810.

Our subject adopted the calling of a farmer when a young man, and ever since he finished his schooling in his native town, he has been engaged in farming in Lawrence County, Washington township, until 1894, when he bought a one-half interest in the grist-mill, formerly owned by the Jordan heirs, the other half-interest being in the hands of the trustees of Wilmington College. Mr. Gearing has found this new enterprise very successful, and a good payer of profits. He also owns a silica rock quarry, which he leases to Winfield S. Moore; this rock is used in the lining of the furnaces that are employed in the manufacture of steel. His political views and tendencies are those of the Democratic party,

with whom he enthusiastically sides. He has held the office of school director six years in Washington township.

His first wife, whom he married in 1868, was Amelia Albarn of Franklin township, Beaver Co., Pa., daughter of Justus Albarn of the same township, and by this union he was made the father of three children, as follows: Margaret C., who married A. E. Dicks of Washington township and has Ida and Effie; John C., who married Lillie Anderson of Wilmington township, Lawrence Co., Pa., and has one son, William A.; and Justus, deceased. Mrs. Gearing died on May 24, 1891, and after the customary period had elapsed he married Maggie Richael, daughter of Henry Richael of Scott township, Lawrence County, and by this second union he had one child, Mary Hazel, who died Sept. 21, 1897. The family are faithful attendants and willing workers of the Presbyterian Church.

PROF. JAMES A. LOSTETTER, deceased, late superintendent of the public schools of Mahoningtown borough and a respected citizen of that place, was a son of James A. Lostetter, Sr., a prominent and well-to-do merchant of Pulaski, Lawrence Co., Pa.

The Lostetter family in America came originally from Holland in the persons of five brothers and two sisters, who crossed the ocean in 1742 to become citizens of the English Colonies. The male portion of the family took part in the French and Indian War, and were serving among the colonial troops at the Battle of Quebec. A few years later, when the colonists as-

serted their inalienable rights, the Lostetter family again showed that they were descended from fighting blood by doing valiant service in the cause of Liberty. The War of the Revolution separated the family of seven children, and they never were gathered together around one fireside afterwards; their descendants may be found throughout the Southern and Western States, and a perusal of war records will show that they remained true to the fighting trait of the family, and were well represented in the War of the Rebellion.

John Lostetter, the grandfather of Mahoningtown's efficient superintendent of schools, was a millwright by trade, following that throughout the prime of his life in Huntington Co., Va., and spending the latter portion of his life in Western Pennsylvania, dying in New Castle about 1832, aged sixty-four years. He was a loyal, and patriotic citizen, and managed his business affairs with more than usual discretion and good judgment, accumulating a competence that comfortably supported him the last years of his life. He was a Jacksonian Democrat, and in the days of slave trouble warmly espoused the principles of the Abolition party. He married Catherine Noel, who was a daughter of Jacob Noel, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them were given the following children, ten in number: William, who died in infancy; Charlotte; Andrew; Eliza; Theresa; Mary; John; Thomas; James A.; and Catherine. Their religion was that of the Catholic Church.

James A. Lostetter, the father of Prof. Lostetter, was born in Martinsburg, Va., March 20, 1825, and was educated in the schools of Allegheny City, Pittsburg, and New Castle; after

completing his schooling he learned the tailor's trade, serving a four years' apprenticeship with William Stitt of Pulaski. When he became a journeyman he set out to support himself and at the same time see something of the country, and for four years was in the West, working at his trade in several of the larger cities. In 1847, he located at Middlesex, Pa., and remained there until 1850, moving in that year to New Bedford, Pa., where he made his home for about four years. In 1854 he located in Pulaski, Pa., where he has remained ever since in the work of his trade, with the exception of three years which were spent in the late war, and a short time after when he lived in West Middlesex. He enlisted Aug. 27, 1861, at Pulaski, Pa., in Co. B, 100th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., which was attached to the Third Brigade of the First Division of the Ninth Army Corps, and he was engaged in all the battles in which his company took a hand, and was discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment at Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 27, 1864. In the Peninsular campaign, May 12, at Spottsylvania Court House, he was severely wounded. He is a thorough believer in and an advocate of the advantages of a paper currency and fiat money, as fully elaborated in the writings of distinguished members of the Greenback party. On Jan. 1, 1850, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Melissa King, daughter of Henry and Rachel (Gordon) King of Mercer Co., Pa., the latter of Scotch descent. Our subject's mother bore her husband seven children, namely: Elmer C., who married Sarah A. Rankin, daughter of Robert Rankin of Mercer, Pa., and has two children, George R. and Lucetta; William H., who married Emma Buchanan, daugh-

ter of John Buchanan of Pulaski, Pa., and has a family of three children—Edna, Clifford and Helen; Maud E., who married Levi Repman of Wampum, Pa.; Anna M.; James A., the subject of this biography; Lizzie A., a teacher in West New Castle; and Blanche J., who married Chas. Fischer of New Wilmington, Pa., and has one child, Harold. Our subject's father and his two sons living are liberal in their religious views, but the remainder of the family are Presbyterians.

Prof. Lostetter was born in West Middlesex, Mercer Co., Pa., March 23, 1865; he was brought up in Pulaski, whither his parents moved when he was in his first year. His preliminary education was secured in the district schools of Pulaski, and was continued until he was eighteen years of age, when he entered Grove City College, and graduated in 1887. Having taught school before attending college, he quite naturally followed that vocation after he left college halls, and was assistant principal at West Middlesex for three years, and then for a like period had full charge of the schools. In 1893, he relinquished his position to accept the position of superintendent of the schools of Mahoningtown, and since that time satisfactorily conducted the borough schools until his death in Pulaski, Aug. 27, 1897. He was a gentleman of deep learning, broad views and superior executive ability, and did much in raising the standard of the schools, and in bringing them to a high state of efficiency, following the most approved methods as laid down by the foremost students of pedagogy.

On Aug. 23, 1894, in West Middlesex, occurred his marriage to Miss Fannie S. King, daughter of Homer T. and Catherine (Holli-

baugh) King, and this union has been blessed with two sons: Earl King, a bright and interesting child, the delight of his parents and their constant joy; and Homer Alven, born June 13, 1897. Mr. Lostetter was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his politics, Prof. Lostetter was independent, and voted for the men and principles that seemed most to deserve his suffrage. Socially, he was a member Kedron Lodge, No. 389, F. & A. M. of West Middlesex, Pa.

HON. GEORGE W. McCracken, president of the Western Pennsylvania Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and well-known citizen of the city of New Castle, was born Jan. 30, 1838, in Mercer Co., Pa., that portion of which was later incorporated as a part of Lawrence County. His father, Jacob McCracken, was the son of Jacob McCracken, Sr., and grandson of George McCracken, who was born in Scotland and moved to Ireland, where he reared his family and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Jacob McCracken, Sr., was born and lived his entire life probably near Newton, Limavady, County of Londonderry, Ireland. He married Isabella McCay, and to them were given four children, named: George; Jacob, Jr.; William; and Isabella (Wallace).

Our subject's father was born in 1805 near Newton, Limavady, Ireland, and when a lad of fourteen years, with his mother, brothers and sister, emigrated to America, and settled in the valley of Slippery Rock Creek, this county, where he became engaged in agricultural pur-

suits. He married Elizabeth Wallace, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Reader) Wallace of Mahoning township. The following named children composed the parental household: George; Elizabeth; Jacob; Robert W.; Isabella (Stewart); Mary J. (Stewart); Sarah; William F.; Rosanna H.; and Margaret. Both of our subject's parents are now deceased, the mother dying in 1892, aged seventy-eight years, and the father passing away in 1885.

The first twenty years of our subject's life was spent on the farm; he then entered Westminster College, and graduated in 1861 after a hard struggle to meet the necessary expenses of his education by teaching school in the winters and working on the farm in the summer time through harvest. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Co. G, 10th Reg. Pa. Reserves, and was in the service of the stars and the stripes three years, participating in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac from 1861 to June 7, 1864. He entered the service as a private in the ranks, and was successively promoted to be sergeant in his company, adjutant of his regiment and then to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the 191st Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. He was seriously injured May 30, 1864, by a gunshot wound in his left leg at Bethesda Church, in the opening encounter of the battle of Cold Harbor, and on this account was mustered out of the service and honorably discharged June 11, 1864.

On Oct. 19, 1865, he was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Mary E. McCreary, daughter of John McCreary, who in 1802 became a settler in what is now Hickory township, Lawrence County. On May 4, 1866, our subject was elected to the superintendency of the

schools of Lawrence County, and was thus engaged in directing the educational work of the schools of the county for three years. In the fall of 1869, he was elected as a member of the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, and after serving his term spent two years at home on his farm. In 1872 he became proprietor and editor of the *Lawrence Guardian*, and successfully conducted it until he disposed of his interest in 1892. In 1873, he was elected a second time to the State Legislature, and was a member of the State Senate from 1881 to 1884. He was the author and introducer of the famous McCracken Bill, in 1883, the House of Representatives then being Democratic, providing for the apportionment of the State into Congressional, Senatorial and Legislative districts, which for more than six months was the subject of contention between the two Houses of the Pennsylvania Legislature. During the last eight years he has served continuously as a member of the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the city of New Castle, and for two years was president of the board. He is a man of sound judgment, and wonderful memory, and while in the Senate was sometimes referred to as the walking encyclopedia; it was said that he could give the result of the vote in every district and locality of the State, and the exact majority of each candidate. Mr. McCracken is also a surveyor and engineer by profession, and has done considerable work in that line. He has been president of the Western Pennsylvania Mutual Fire Insurance Company since its organization. He is a member of the following societies: Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, F. & A. M.; G. A. R. Post, No. 100; and Union Veteran Legion, No. 9.

BENJAMIN Y. JEFFERIES, foreman for the Baldwin & Graham Co., manufacturers of stoves and ranges, of the city of New Castle, Pa., was born in Chester Co., Pa., June 1, 1850, and is a son of David K. and Wilhelmina (Greer) Jefferies.

David K. Jefferies was a pattern-maker by trade and followed it all his life in Chester Co., Pa. The following children were born to him and his wife: Eliza; Edward; Caroline; Mary; Benjamin T.; David; Clara; Sophia; and Newton. In their religious affiliations they were Presbyterians. Our subject's father died in 1880, aged sixty-eight years.

Benjamin Y. Jefferies, having finished the course of instruction furnished in the schools of his native place, learned the molder's trade in Pittsburg, under Mitchell & Stevenson. He has always worked for this firm since serving his apprenticeship, for the company he now serves is virtually the same, although run under the style of Baldwin & Graham. For the past nine years he has been foreman in the foundry department.

In 1870, Mr. Jefferies married Addie M. Henry, daughter of Samuel Henry of Allegheny, Pa., and three children have resulted from this marriage, as follows: Samuel Newton, who married Lucy Frolick of New Castle; Harry W., who married Laura Campbell of New Castle; and one child, that died in infancy. Mr. Jefferies is Republican in his tendencies. Socially, he belongs to the Lodge of K. of P. of New Castle, Pa. In his special line of work, he is a skilled mechanic and his present position as foreman of the foundry department is a reward for many years of diligent attention to business and to serving the interests of his employers.



REV. THOMAS GREER.

ROBERT RUSSELL, an engineer on the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., residing at New Castle, Pa., was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 12, 1854, and is a son of John and Annie (Bain) Russell. Annie (Bain) Russell was born in Glasgow, and was a daughter of James and Christina (Graham) Bain, the latter a native of Perthshire; James Bain was a native of Glasgow, where he was employed as teamster for the cotton mills, and lived to be eighty-two years of age, dying in his native land. Our subject's father was born in Dunbarton, Scotland, in 1822, and died Dec. 6, 1895, in the United States; he was a son of John Russell, Sr., an architect and builder in Scotland, where he died. John Russell, Jr., came to America in the spring of 1856, when our subject was an infant, and after living nine years in Canada came to the States, and followed teaming, in which business he was very successful, and operated on a large scale.

Robert Russell was in his second year when his parents came to America, and he lived eight or nine years in Newborough, where he attended school. When the family came to New Castle, he attended school there until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he began to do for himself, working in the bolt factory for eleven consecutive years, and then in the paper mill for one year. He began firing Nov. 10, 1883, for the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., and remained in that station some three years, when, having proved himself a steady, competent employee, he was advanced to the position of engineer, and has since attended exclusively to the duties of an engineer.

He was married in New Castle, Oct. 30, 1882, to Deborah Sankey, daughter of William P. and

Harriet (Nowland) Sankey; an extended account of the Sankey family will be found on another page of this Book of Biographies. Seven children have blessed our subject's marriage, as follows: Howard; James; William; Harry; Hattie; Maude; and Robert, Jr. Mr. Russell is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife attends the M. E. Church. In his political attachments, Mr. Russell is a Republican. He is a member of Oil City Division, No. 173, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and to New Castle Lodge, No. 404, Knights of Pythias.

REV. THOMAS GREER, deceased, was one of the representative and prominent farmers and blacksmiths of Neshannock township, and for at least a quarter of a century was a well-known and highly respected class-leader and local preacher of the M. E. Church. He was a son of Hance and Elizabeth (Hall) Greer, both natives of County Fermanagh, Ireland. Hance Greer came to the United States in 1804, and settled at Noblestown, Allegheny Co., Pa., about twelve miles from Pittsburg on Chartiers Creek. In 1810, he removed to Sewickley Bottom, and there resided until 1826, when he took up his home in Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa., where his death occurred in 1828. To him and his wife were born the following children: Robert; John; Mary A.; James; Elizabeth; and Thomas, of whom we write. Our subject's mother was called to her reward on April 8, 1815. They were highly thought of in the communities in which they lived, upright and conscientious, of

high moral principles, and consistent members of the Methodist Church.

Rev. Thomas Greer obtained the greater part of his school education in Butler County, and then learned the blacksmith's trade of his brother-in-law at Sewickley, Pa., spending six years to learn the trade, which he thereafter diligently followed until 1835, in which year he moved to Neshannock township, where he purchased a farm and worked it in connection with his trade. Rev. Mr. Greer was originally a Democrat in his political affiliations, but later on identified himself thoroughly with the Republican party, being very active in local affairs and holding several township offices of importance.

In 1830, he married Annie R. Riley, daughter of David and Sarah Riley of Neshannock township, and to them were given the following children: Sarah A., who married Alexander Rankin, and bore him four children—Annie N., Isabel, Mary, and Thomas G.; Elizabeth H.; Mary A., who married Samuel Cowan, now deceased, of Armstrong Co., Pa., and has one child, Sarah A., who married William W. Maitland, and has one child, Sarah A.; David R., who married Sarah J. Simonton of Rich Hill, Wilmington township, this county. The husband of Mary A. Greer, Samuel Cowan, was a prosperous farmer of Neshannock township, a man of good business ability, and honest and upright in all his dealings. Rev. Mr. Greer held many positions of honor in the M. E. Church, and was one of the pioneer preachers of this district. His son, David, has followed in his footsteps, and is a local preacher of the Methodist denomination. Our subject departed this life April 10, 1891, aged eighty-three years. He was a man of de-

cided opinions as to the right or wrong of actions, and fearless in giving them expression; he is amply entitled to the reward of the upright man and good citizen in the memory of his co-laborers. Such a noble gentleman merits the fullest recognition in our power, and it is with pleasure that the publishers of this Book of Biographies present his portrait on a preceding page.

RALPH GOTT. This energetic and enterprising citizen of Neshannock township, is carrying on a grocery business, and although the business is only of a few years duration, he has been meeting with abundant success. Mr. Gott was born in Osworth, England, Dec. 20, 1831, and is a son of Ralph Sr., and Bessie (Hall) Gott, both of whom were born in England, and having lived a thoroughly useful life, were laid to rest in their native country, the father dying in 1853, aged sixty-eight years, and the mother passing away in 1866, aged eighty years. Our subject's father supported himself and family throughout his life at the occupation of a coal miner. To him and his wife, who was a daughter of Robert Hall, were born nine children by name: Ralph, Jr.; Elizabeth; Isabelle; George; Mary; Jonas; Robert; Ralph Jr., the second of that name; and Charles. In the matter of religious belief and attendance they were members of the Church of England.

Ralph Gott obtained some little education in his native place in England, but at an early age began to work in the mines, and continued to follow that vocation about fifteen years. In 1857

he came to America, and after a year's stay returned to England, where he lived until 1863, when he once more became a resident of the land of the stars and stripes, settling in Neshannock township, Lawrence Co., Pa., where he has since remained. His first employment was at his old occupation, that of coal mining, and he followed it until 1895, when he engaged in the grocery business, attracting to himself a desirable patronage, and extending his business with every season.

In 1852, he was joined in marriage with Margaret May, daughter of Matthew May, a native of England, and to them have been given the following children: Ralph, the first of that name; George; Mary A.; Lizzie; Margaret J.; Hannah; Isabella; Ralph, the second of that name; Charles; and Thomas, deceased. In politics, he is a Prohibitionist, and in his religious views he is a member of the Salvation Army.

WILLIAM McCUNE is a citizen who has in his day seen much of life and has traveled over a goodly portion of the United States. That he ultimately came back to the land of his nativity and here settled only goes to prove the pre-eminent desirability of this section as a place in which to live and thrive. That he has prospered in this beautiful country and attained a high standard as a leading citizen and farmer of Plain Grove township is due equally to the worth of the region and his own style of life and manner of work.

Captain James McCune, the father of the gentleman with whom we are the most concerned,

was a native of Plain Grove township, and was a son of James McCune, Sr., and his wife Susan (Armstrong) McCune. James McCune, Sr., was in his life-time one of the pioneer shoemakers of this new country and left an honorable name for his descendants to perpetuate. Capt. James McCune while a youth learned the tanner's trade which he followed for some time. Discontinuing this line of work, he became a stock dealer. Later on he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harlansburg, a line he followed up to 1864, when he enlisted in Co. E, 134th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. Of this company he was captain. From exposure and hardships, to which he was subjected, while on a forced march from Washington to the scene of the Second Battle of Bull Run, and thence to the field of Antietam, he contracted a severe fever. He was a large and fleshy man, so that weakened by severe heat, the disease obtained a hold on him that he could not shake off. He died in the hospital, and his body was brought home and interred in the Plain Grove Cemetery. His widow, Hannah (Adams) McCune, survived him about three years. She was a daughter of James A. Adams, who married a Miss Harris, and lived to be a very old man. Our subject's mother was born in Butler County, near Adam's Corners, in 1827.

William McCune, our subject, was born in Harlansburg, July 26, 1856. At his father's death he was less than ten years of age. His uncle, Michael Jordan, took him to rear, and gave him all the educational advantages possible. He attended district school until he was sixteen, and then spent some time in Prof. Robinson's private school. After this he took a year each in the Sunbury Academy and the Edinboro

Normal School. Completing his education, the now young man farmed on shares with his uncle for four or five years, and then took Horace Greeley's famous advice, and went West. His first location was at Lincoln, Neb., where he spent a short time, then sold all his interests and removed to Kansas City, where he remained six months. Nowhere in the West did he find fields so fertile or climate so genial as in his own native township, so back he came to Lawrence County, where he married and settled down on rented property, which consisted of two good farms. His uncle, Michael, in the spring of 1887, deeded him the present farm of ninety-two acres, which he has since greatly improved, adding large barns and commodious buildings. Here he is actively engaged in general farming, but makes a specialty of a fine dairy, keeping as high as twenty to twenty-five head of milch cows.

Mr. McCune was married Nov. 15, 1883, in Scott township, to Cora I. McBride, daughter of Robert and Sarah J. (Martin) McBride. The latter was a daughter of William and Margaret (Marshall) Martin. William Martin was a son of Charles and Jane (McNiece) Martin. Robert McBride, father of Mrs. McCune, was born in Butler Co., Pa., and is a wagon-maker by trade, but now resides in New Castle. He was a son of Alexander and Mary (Armstrong) McBride, the latter being a daughter of David and Mary Armstrong. Alexander McBride was a merchant of the days gone by, and was a native of Ireland. He left his native land at seventeen years of age, and lived to enjoy many seasons of summer and winter, which silvered his hair and beard, but did not sap his wonderful vitality. He was noted in his time for his wonderful aptness with figures

and anything in the mathematical line. To William McCune and his wife have been born four children: James Elliott; Martha Martin; Hannah May; and John Francis. All are alive, and make up a very happy and interesting family circle.

Mr. McCune is a progressive and wide-awake man, and of more than the ordinary education and general ability. He has always been a staunch Democrat, and served for a long time as a member of the board of school directors. As a member of the Presbyterian Church, he is bringing his family up amid Christian influences. In the community, although a comparatively young man, he is highly rated as having extremely good judgment and an experience which stands him in good stead in all the varied duties of life. He has been a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and is also connected with the Royal Arcanum.

WILLIAM BAY, an honored resident of Neshannock township, where he is engaged in the pursuits of agriculture, was born on the farm which he now owns and operates, March 8, 1826. He is the grandson of William V. Bay, and son of Margaret Bay.

William V. Bay, who was a native of Washington Co., Pa., came to what is now Lawrence County, but then known as a portion of Mercer County, and settled on the banks of the Shenango River in Neshannock township as early as 1804, being then thirty years of age. Later on, in 1818, he purchased the farm now owned by his grandson,

the subject of this brief history. He served as a private through the War of 1812. He married Dorcas Johnson, a native of Maryland, and to them were born six daughters and one son, as follows: Charlotte, who married Robert Thompson of Neshannock township; Comfort, who married Adam Shoaff of Neshannock township, their children being named: Lot, William, Tibatha, George S., Charles, P., James, Nancy, George, and Smith, last four deceased; Elizabeth, who married Robert Thompson of Neshannock township, a nephew of the Robert Thompson mentioned above—their children were, Nancy J., Eliza, William T., T. Mehard, and Charles; Margaret, the mother of our subject, who married Alonzo Hosier of Neshannock township, whom she bore one child, Chauncey; Sarah, who married Thomas Lindsey of Neshannock township, and they have one child living, Lilly Anne; Nancy, who married John Thompson of Neshannock township, and has three children—Jane A., deceased, Robert S. and Sarah; Thomas F., who married Nancy Wilson of Beaver County, and has twelve children—Hillery W., Hugh P. W., Charlotte, Christina, Mary A., Dorcas, Kate P., James E., who died when confined as a prisoner of war in Andersonville Prison, James, who died in infancy, Harriet, Isabella W., and Amanda. Our subject's grandparents were United Presbyterians, and his grandfather was a sturdy Whig in political convictions. He died in 1853, and his wife followed him five years later, when aged eighty-four years.

The first thirty-eight years of our subject's life were spent in acquiring an education, and then

in work on the home farm; on Jan. 5, 1864, he enlisted in Co. H, 100th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., under Capt. Lee Morrow and Col. Leasure, and remained in the service eighteen months and twenty days, being discharged by general order at the cessation of hostilities, and complete overthrow of the rebels. He then returned to the old homestead in Neshannock township, where he has remained ever since with the exception of five years. At first a Whig, he easily drifted into the Republican ranks, and is now included among that party's staunchest supporters in the township; he has been constable, overseer of the poor, and has also held the county office of jury commissioner for the full term of three years.

He has twice taken upon himself the marriage vows. His first wife, whom he married in 1860, was Nancy McCracken^{*} of Scott township, and by their union two children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The survivor, Nancy, married Charles W. Cox of East Lackawannock township, Mercer Co., Pa., and has three children: Jessie, Lulu, and Olive. His second marriage was with Mary Marks of Greenville, Pa., in 1870, and one child resulted from this marriage, Elizabeth Iona. Mr. Bay is a United Presbyterian in respect to his church membership and attendance. He has a fine dwelling, good barns and out-houses, a choice assortment of farming implements and accessories, and everything necessary for the carrying on of agriculture in a first-class manner. He is one of the leading men of the county, and has contributed his share toward its progress and development. The Bay family have held an annual reunion ever since 1872.

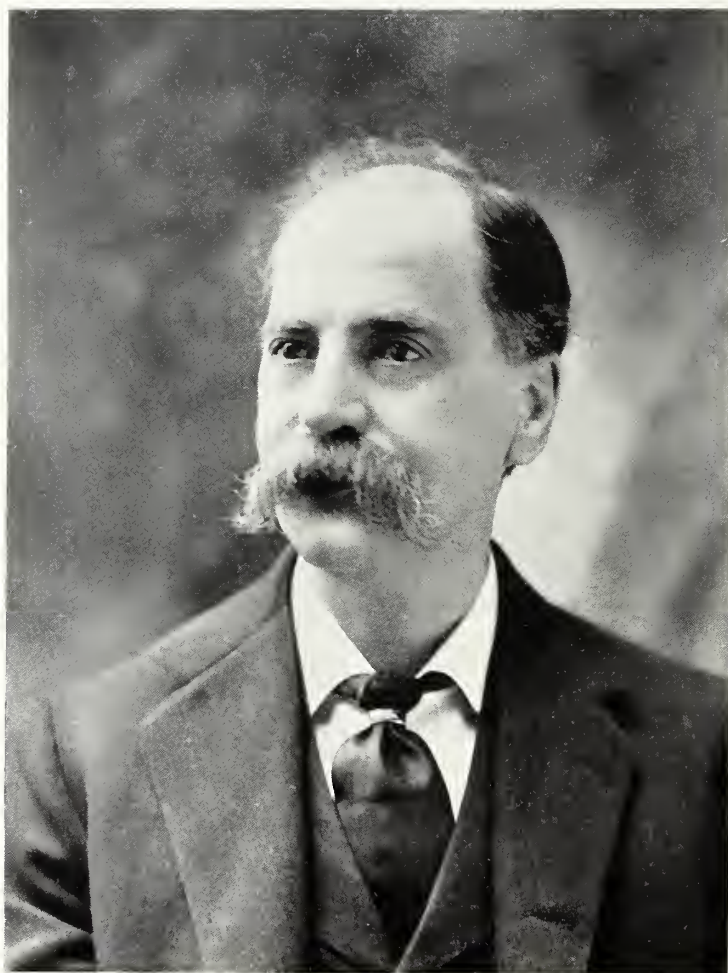
JOHN C. SHEARER, a leading agriculturist of Neshannock township, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born Nov. 29, 1830, in Mt. Jackson, five miles east of New Castle, Pa.

His grandfather, John Shearer, who was born Sept. 14, 1772, was a native of Lancaster Co., Pa.; he married Jane Dawson, who was born May 19, 1771, and to them were born: David, born March 28, 1796; Robert, April 23, 1798; James, May 14, 1800; Margaret, Dec. 25, 1802; John, Feb. 14, 1805; Nancy, April 1, 1807; Jane, May 28, 1809; and one that died in infancy. They were Seceders in religious belief. John Shearer died Feb. 23, 1841, and his wife June 17, 1827. He learned the fuller's trade, and owned and operated a woollen mill in Quakertown, Pa. He also owned a farm in Poland, Ohio. In New Castle he built a hotel on the present site of the Leslie House about 1828, which was called the Spread Eagle. He ran this tavern until 1832, when he sold out to his son James, the father of our subject, and retired from active business. He was a splendid business man, and was adapted to almost any line of work, and by his diligent efforts and excellent judgment, he accumulated a fortune for those times, and was much thought of as a man of capital. Politically, he was a Whig, but never cared to have it come about to have his popularity and influence reflect back to his political advancement.

James Shearer, who was born in Washington Co., Pa., on the date above mentioned, ran the hotel, after it was given into his hands by his father, several years, and also engaged in mercantile pursuits to some considerable extent. Later on, he sold the hotel, and bought a farm in Shenango township, where he carried on

farming the rest of the active years of his life. He was a staunch Democrat, and as he was a prominent and influential man, he was given the office of postmaster of Mt. Jackson under the administration of President Martin Van Buren. In 1828, he was joined in wedlock with Mary Clark, who was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., in 1801, a daughter of Uriah Clark, and gathered about him a family of five children: Jane, born Dec. 26, 1829, who married William Breckinridge, and has six children—Caroline, Mary, Ella, Anna, Margaret, and William; John C., the subject of this sketch; Catherine, born in December, 1836, who married James H. Cline, a resident of Slippery Rock township, and a major in the United States Army, the children numbering nine are named John, Frank, George, James, Jacob, Edward, Mary, Eva, and Nettie; Harriet, born Aug. 7, 1840, married James H. Stoner of Lawrence Co., Pa., and they have two children, Sadie and Charlie. The father of these children passed away March 14, 1873, and he was followed by his wife Nov. 8, 1883. They were United Presbyterians in their religious convictions.

John C. Shearer began his education in the public schools of New Castle, later became a pupil of the Mt. Jackson schools, then continued his education in the New Castle schools again, and concluded in the schools of Shenango township. Our subject remained under the parental roof, and worked on his father's farm till the latter's death, when our subject at the age of forty-three years sold the paternal estate, and moved to Slippery Rock township, where he purchased the Rev. Robert McMillin's farm, where he lived for sixteen years. In 1890, he moved to New



JAMES WARD.

Castle, and three years later took up his residence in Neshannock township. His farm is a fine one, and in the prosecution of his vocation, which he has followed all of his life, he has met with far more than ordinary success.

In 1893, he was joined in matrimony with Mary J. Pomeroy, daughter of John Pomeroy of Neshannock township. They are attendants of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Shearer is a member, while our subject in his political views inclines strongly toward the Republican party.

JAMES WARD, a respected citizen of New Castle, formerly engaged to a large extent in the iron manufacturing business but now occupied in acting as attorney for the William H. Brown estate, was born May 17, 1842, in Pittsburg, Pa. He is a son of James Ward and grandson of William Ward. William Ward and his wife Sarah were born in Staffordshire, England. Our subject's father, James Ward, Sr., was born near Dudley, Staffordshire, England; when he was four years old his parents immigrated to Pittsburg, Pa., bringing him with them. His education was limited, and concluded when he was thirteen years old. He then began life's work in earnest, his first vocation being the assisting his father in the manufacture of wrought iron nails. This he continued until the age of nineteen, when he began the study of engineering, and remained in that profession until 1841. In 1842 he moved to Niles, Ohio, and became interested in the rolling mill business, and under the firm name of

James Ward & Co. continued to roll metal until his death, July 24, 1864. Even from the time when he was a boy, he was looked upon by the business men as possessing all the elements suitable for the vocation in which he was finally engaged. By his ability and faithfulness to his business he became a man of first rank in his chosen occupation, and filled out such a career as had been predicted of him. He was married in 1853 to Miss Eliza Ditridge, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ditridge, natives of Staffordshire, England. Seven children were born to them, all of whom are dead, excepting James Ward, Jr., the subject of this sketch. He was the first man to practically use pig iron made from raw coal, and was also the first to use black band ore. The furnace built by him in 1859 is still in use. There were none who knew Mr. Ward but respected his name and appreciated his character. Energetic and forceful in business, he also was known for his strict integrity and honorable dealings with whomever he came in contact.

Upon the death of James Ward, Sr., his son, the subject of this sketch, took charge of his business and managed all the iron interests. He built two more mills at Niles, and one at New Philadelphia, Ohio. In 1884 his interests in the iron industry were relinquished, and in 1886 he moved to New Castle as the attorney of the William H. Brown estate, in which capacity he still continued to labor.

Mr. Ward was married in 1863 to Lizzie L. Brown, daughter of William H. Brown of Pittsburg, and they have had a family of six children, namely: James, Jr., now in Pittsburg; William H., also a resident of Pittsburg; Charles S., who died at the age of twenty-one; Mary, who mar-

ried Jonathan Warner, manager of the Sheet Iron Mill at Strouthers, Ohio; Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen years; and a daughter, who died in infancy. We are pleased to be able to present on a previous page a portrait of Mr. Ward, that is an important addition to our pictorial gallery.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE. New Wilmington, the site of Westminster College, is located on the Sharpsville railroad, which connects with the W. N. Y. & P. at Wilmington Junction, and with both the Erie & Pittsburg and the N. Y. P. & O. at Sharpsville. This excellent connection with the leading railroads of Western Pennsylvania makes it easily accessible from all points.

The College is incorporated by the State of Pennsylvania, and has full University powers entrusted to it. Its management is in the hands of a board of trustees, composed of forty members, of whom three are elected every year by the First Synod of the West, and three by the Synod of Pittsburg, which Synods are under the immediate control of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. The alumni have a voice in the management of college affairs, in that two members of the board of trustees are chosen by them at each annual commencement. Although the first class graduated in 1854, it appears from the records that the charter of the College was issued in 1852. Commencing with one graduate, the College has so steadily increased in the number of its student-body, that

in its forty odd years of existence over 1,000 young men and women have received a collegiate education, and have been graduated from its halls. From the summary given in the 1895 catalogue, it appears that there was a total of 148 students in regular college classes, and this aggregate number was very nearly equalled by the aggregate in the preparatory, music and art departments.

The officers of the board of trustees are: Rev. E. N. McElree, D.D., president; Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, D.D., secretary; Joseph McNaugher, Esq., treasurer. The faculty consists of the following: Rev. R. G. Ferguson, D.D., president and professor of mental and moral science; S. R. Thompson, A. M., professor of physics; Margaret McLaughry, A. M., professor of the English language and literature; John J. McElree, A. M., professor of the Latin language and literature; C. C. Freeman, A. M., professor of mathematics and chemistry; Ina M. Hanna, B. S., professor of botany; Morgan Barnes, A. M., professor of the Greek language and literature; Hanna E. Peebles, A. B., instructor in English; Alice Elliot, assistant in German; Daniel Hahn, director in music; Mary Cotton Kimball, assistant in music; Linnie Hodgen, instructor in art; W. J. Holmes, physical director; Rev. J. H. Veazey, financial agent; Margaret McLaughry, A. M., librarian and secretary.

The classical course is a prominent feature in the College, from the conviction that it best secures such culture as meets the demands of a liberal education. The facilities for scientific instruction have been greatly increased by the erection of a new building, planned on the most

approved modern lines, in which are housed all the scientific departments of the College. In the literary course, exceptional advantages are afforded to gain an extended acquaintance with the most noted authors. Examinations for admissions are held in June and at the opening of the College year in September. The work of the College Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., together with the thorough Bible study required in each of the courses, provides that Christianizing and refining influence, which will be always the best feature of colleges that are managed by the governing bodies of various Christian sects.

Robert Gracey Ferguson, D.D. Dr. Ferguson is sprung from the Scotch-Irish race which has done so much for the advancement of education and religion in Pennsylvania, and has contributed so heartily to the growth and development of the natural resources of this part of the State. His grandfather, David Ferguson, was born in the north of Ireland, and came to America and settled in Pennsylvania when a young man. His father was James Ferguson. Dr. Ferguson was born at Dry Run, Franklin Co., Pa., Feb. 16, 1842, and after preparing himself for a collegiate education he became a student at Jefferson College, graduating from that institution in 1862. His theological studies were pursued at Allegheny Seminary, and he was licensed to preach on the 12th of April, 1865, by the Monongahela Presbytery. He was formally ordained Oct. 17, 1866, by Big Spring Presbytery, and entered upon the duties of a pastor in the same year. During the period from 1866 to 1874, in which he faithfully labored at Mercersburg and the Cove, he made a reputation of being an able pulpit orator, and a thinker of

high logical powers. In July, 1874, he went to Butler, Pa., and remained there as the pastor of the United Presbyterian Church until the 8th of July, 1884, when he assumed the duties of his present position of responsibility. Dr. Ferguson is a quiet, rather reserved man. One, however, who knows Westminster of a few years ago and Westminster of the present day, cannot help giving Dr. Ferguson great honor for what he has done in his unassuming but effective way for the College. He is a master of both the science of teaching, and of the practical administration of college affairs.

DAVID BARNETT, whose residence is at No. 52 Walnut Street, New Castle, where he is leading a practically retired life, was born in Allegheny City, Sept. 29, 1835, and is a son of David, Sr., and Jane (Thompson) Barnett. Jane Thompson, the second wife of David Barnett, Sr., was a native of Washington County, where she was born Dec. 5, 1806. David Barnett, Sr., also a native of Washington County, was born near Pigeon Creek, June 8, 1796; in April, 1808, although very young, he went to Pittsburg to learn the carpenter's trade, and served an apprenticeship of four years. After following his trade a few years in Pittsburg as a journeyman carpenter, he went to Jefferson City, Mo., where he remained four years, and then returned to Pittsburg, where he secured a position with McClurg, Waite & Co., and while in their employ helped to build the first locomotive on the Pennsylvania Co.'s railroad. To men of the present day, who are familiar with the latest achieve-

ments in the industrial world, it may seem strange, but it is nevertheless a fact, that at that early stage in the development of the railroad, the trains ran on wooden rails, which were preserved from wear and breakage by being covered with strap iron. When getting well along in years, David Barnett, Sr., moved to Slippery Rock township, Lawrence County, where he purchased a fine farm of 110 acres, and lived until his death at the age of sixty-seven. Of his first marriage three children were born. His second union with our subject's mother resulted in six children, the eldest of whom was David Barnett, Jr., the subject of this sketch.

David Barnett received his education in the district schools of Slippery Rock township, which schools he attended until he was eighteen years old. When he had attained his majority, he went to Nemaha Co., Kan., where he took up a quarter section of land as a pre-emption claim on Soldier Creek, where he lived eighteen months, and proved his land. He then came home, and enlisted at Pittsburg, August 28, 1861, in Co. F, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service four years lacking twenty-nine days, having re-enlisted in the field December 28, 1863, and was honorably discharged and mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., on July 28, 1865. He was engaged in Virginia and South Carolina the greater part of the time, and was in the following battles: Second Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Siege of Vicksburg, Siege of Knoxville, The Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. After the war, Mr. Barnett lived on the farm eighteen months, and then became a resident of New Castle, and shortly

afterwards opened a grocery store, which he conducted from 1867 to 1889 with very successful results, which have enabled him to retire from active work, and seek rest and contentment the remainder of his life.

March 3, 1864, he was married in Slippery Rock township to Martha Campbell, who was born in Shenango township, a daughter of John G. and Hannah (Gaston) Campbell, the latter a daughter of Robert and Anna (Matthewson) Gaston, both natives of Warren Co., Pa. John G. Campbell, a blacksmith by trade, was born in Lawrence County, of Scotch descent. His father, who began farming in Plain Grove township over a century ago, was married twice and was the father of twenty-two children. Our subject's wife was fifth in a family of twelve children born to her parents. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Mr. Barnett is a member of the G. A. R., Union Veteran Legion, and is also an Odd Fellow.

DR. GEORGE N. MEALY, a leading medical practitioner of the borough of New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in Claysville, Pa., Sept. 21, 1845. He is a son of Anthony Mealy, who is now the oldest citizen of Claysville, his birth dating back to 1816. He is a shoemaker by trade, and toiled at the bench with awl and last until he retired from active work. He married Jane McCaskey, who was taken to the abode of the blessed in 1890, at the age of seventy. The teachings of the Presbyterian Church embodied their ideas of their duty to

God, to their fellow-men, and to themselves, and well did they live up to the rigid standard of the church. Our subject's father is a Democrat in regard to his politics, and is very pronounced and decided in his opinions. For nineteen years previous to the Civil War, Mr. Mealy was postmaster of the office at Claysville, and gave unlimited satisfaction by his courteous, painstaking, and obliging manners. He gathered around him in the home the following five children: Margaret (Warrell); Julia A. (Short); Rev. J. M. Mealy; Dr. George N., our subject; and Rev. Anthony A. Mealy.

The subject of this brief biography received his primary education in the schools of his native town, mingling and associating with many a bright young comrade in boyhood's pleasures who is now occupying some post of distinction and of honor. This common school education was added to and supplemented with the instruction he received under private tutorship. Thus, well-equipped, he began the study of medicine with Dr. John Kelly and Dr. Vance of Claysville, Pa., giving attention to his medical books in the summer, and still attending school during the winter. To bring to a completion his studies in the healing art, he entered Jefferson Medical College, and graduated towards the head of his class in 1867. His first year as an accedited physician was spent in Middlebourne, W. Va.; he then removed to Sistersville, near by in the same county, and remained there in the enjoyment of a flattering practice until 1875, when he came to New Wilmington, Pa., where he is still engaged in active practice, being the oldest physician of that place. Because of his long residence in Wilmington township, he has a large

and extended acquaintance over the township and beyond its borders. His many years of experience have made him cool and practical in critical and important cases, and cause his skill as a physician of the old school to be thoroughly relied on.

Dr. Mealy was married Jan. 27, 1869, to Mary McAnall, daughter of Hugh McAnall, who was born near Wheeling, W. Va. Three children have resulted from this union, who are as follows: Dr. Harry M., who is practicing medicine in Palmyra, Ohio; Dr. John E., who ministers to the ills of a large circle of patrons in Girard, Ohio; Mary H., who lives at home with her parents. Likè his father in many respects, Dr. Mealy still adheres to the Presbyterian faith, and in political struggles gives his hearty support to the Democratic party. He has fully developed in him the Christian virtues which are made still stronger with every passing year that sees him still practicing his profession, for medical experience has the effect of making a man sympathetic, true, and noble in every sense of the word.

GEORGE W. ARROW, a highly respected citizen of Hickory township, where he is profitably following pursuits of an agricultural nature, was born in Neshannock township, Feb. 12, 1847, and is a son of John R. and Mary J. (Turner) Arrow, and grandson of George Arrow, who was born in England and lived there all of his life engaged at his occupation of a jobber. To our subject's grandparents were born the following children: Tobias; Thomas; Robert;

George; William; James; John; Elizabeth; and a daughter, whose name is not given.

John R. Arrow was born in England near Lancaster, and came to the United States in 1844, settling in New Castle, this county, where he first engaged in the mining of coal in Neshannock township on what is now known as the People's Farm. Later in life he purchased a farm in Hickory township, the one now owned by his son, George W., the subject of this narration, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, his death taking place Jan. 12, 1892, at the age of eighty-three years. His agricultural labors were crowned with success, and he left at his death two finely improved farms to his three sons. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, a good citizen, and has left an enviable record behind him for honesty and moral worth. He inclined toward the Democratic party in politics. His wife was a daughter of Gideon Turner of New York State; she bore him seven children: George W., our subject; Charles, who married Matilda Cox of Wilmington township, and has a family of four—William, Mary, George, and Sylvester; Thomas, deceased; Harriet, deceased; Robert, deceased; John, who married a Miss Louise Lockhart, and lives in the West; and Franklin, deceased. Those deceased all died in infancy. The parents were consistent members of the M. E. Church. The mother died Feb. 28, 1870, aged forty-four years.

George W. Arrow was educated in the common schools of Neshannock township and Hickory township, and after completing his schooling turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on the homestead, which was then still owned by his father, but was purchased by our subject after

his parents' death. He has a very good farm, with buildings tastefully arranged and kept in the best repair, and on all sides may be seen evidences of thrift and prosperity on the part of the owner.

In 1872, he was joined in marriage bonds with Sarah Ann Michael of Washington township, daughter of William Michael, and to Mr. and Mrs. Arrow have been given three children: William J., deceased; Wilhelmina; and John, deceased. In their religious belief, they strongly favor the M. E. Church, of which they are members.

JOHN BELL. Among the self-made men of Lawrence County, farmers by vocation, and men who have succeeded through their own energy and perseverance, and to-day are the proprietors of fine and productive farms, men who are passing the sunset of life in the enjoyment of a competency obtained through years of honest toil and economy, is the subject of this brief history. His farm is nicely located in Neshannock township, not far from New Castle. He is a son of Edward and Barbara (Richardson) Bell, both natives of England. Edward Bell was a coal miner by occupation, and followed that occupation throughout a long and singularly active career. He was as honest as the day was long, and no one could have been more upright and honorable in their dealings; naturally a hard-worker, it is not surprising that he was able to provide his family with many of the little comforts so little seen among those who labor in the mines. He and his wife were blessed with the



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birth of three children, as follows: Catherine, who married Joseph Ward, and lives in the State of Illinois; Thomas, deceased; and the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Bell dying in 1829, our subject's father contracted a second union with Susie Brown, by which marriage he had several more children. His death took place in 1840, when he was aged forty-five years. The family were Methodists.

John Bell of this history was born in Durham, Eng., Sept. 18, 1825. Until coming to this country in 1849, he was engaged in the same line of work as his respected parent, and even after his arrival in the United States, and for many years thereafter, he was still engaged in mining as a means of securing a livelihood. He settled at first in Greenville, Pa., where he worked in the coal mines, going from there to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was employed in the coal mines one year. He then went to Moundsville, W. Va., where he leased a coal bank, and worked it for about a year, disposing of the product to the transportation companies, and at last selling the lease itself to good advantage. In 1852 he moved to New Castle, Pa., and has lived in its vicinity ever since. After living in the city a short time, he moved to Neshannock township, where he purchased a farm, and has since been engaged in its successful cultivation, and in mining coal to some extent. Mr. Bell is a man of great industry and excellent habits of life, and always secures the respect of the community wherever he chances to locate.

In 1850, he was joined in marriage with Isabella Brothers, who was born Aug. 22, 1832, in the State of Ohio. This union has been abundantly blessed with twelve children, as follows:

Edward, who married Jennie Stinson of Croton, Pa., a suburb of New Castle, and had one child, Montgomery L., both parents are deceased; Josiah, who married Mary Donaldson of Neshannock township, who bore him three children, John, Carrie, and Margaret, and by his second wife, Margaret McKee of Neshannock township, he became the father of four more children, Sadie, Grover C., James, and Annie; Jennie, who married Seymour McWilliams of Illinois, and has four children, Jennie, John, Mark, and an infant; Catherine, who married Charles Miller of Neshannock township, and has two children, Edith and Eva; Della, who married Edward Sergeant of Neshannock township, but now of East Brook, Lawrence County, and has three children, Abbie, Edward, and Mildred; Abbie, who married John W. Dinsmore of East Brook, and has one son, John Alford; and Richard W., a practicing physician, who married Margaret McGoun of New Castle; Sarah; Maria; William; Johnnie; and an infant are deceased. The family is to be found among the regular attendants of the United Presbyterian Church.

REV. FRANCIS JOSEPH EGER, pastor of St. Joseph's Church of the city of New Castle, whose likeness appears on the opposite page, was born near Carrolltown, this State, in 1863. He entered St. Vincent's College in 1874, and was ordained a priest in the Abbey by the Rt. Rev. Richard Phelan, D. D., on July 8, 1886. He was then sent as assistant to the German congregation in Allegheny City. On the 11th of

August, 1888, Father Eger was appointed pastor of the church of New Castle; he arrived in New Castle August 23, and celebrated mass for the first time in the lecture-room of the old Jefferson Street M. E. Church. On Sunday, August 26, the congregation assembled for the first time for public worship, and in the evening of the same day a congregational meeting was held.

HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION.

Prior to Aug. 11, 1888, the date of Father Eger's appointment, there was but one Catholic church in New Castle, viz.: St. Mary's. Several attempts were made by the German Catholics of the city to organize a church but without success. During the winter of 1887-88 committees were selected to call upon Bishop Phelan of the diocese and make known the religious wants of the German Catholics of Lawrence County. On the third of May, 1888, a committee of disinterested priests were sent to New Castle, and after a thorough investigation reported to Bishop Phelan that the need of a church in New Castle was great. The committee was composed of Rev. A. A. Lambing of Wilkinsburg, Rev. F. Regis Canevin, chaplain of the penal institutions of Allegheny County, and Rev. Father Kaufman, pastor of St. Joseph's, Allegheny City. All of these clergymen are Americans and natives of Pennsylvania.

Father Eger having assumed charge of the parish, the First M. E. Church was purchased at a cost of \$4,800.00. The church was then overhauled, inside and outside, and was ready for service Dec. 16, 1888. On that day the church was dedicated by Bishop Phelan, assisted by

well-known clergymen of this diocese. A parochial school was opened in the basement of the church in March, 1889, with an attendance of about fifty children.

THE FIRE.

About 9 o'clock Monday morning, April 29, 1892, St. Joseph's Church was almost totally destroyed by fire, which caught in some way from a flue. The fire burned rapidly and despite the hard work done by the fire department, the building was almost a total loss.

THE NEW CHURCH.

St. Joseph's Church, as recently dedicated, is a handsome structure. The entire building has been painted. There are three front entrances, two by the outside stairs and one opening directly into the church proper. The interior of the church is finished in Wisconsin oak, and the woodwork was made in Chicago. The church will seat 600 people. The pews have high backs and the foot rests or kneeling benches are arranged so that they may be swung up out of the way. The altars are beautiful, the high altar being very nicely finished. The statuary of the church is particularly fine. It was all imported and was presented to the congregation. The choir loft and confessionals are finished in walnut and ash, and are artistic in their design. The windows are beautiful and were all presented by members of the Sunday-school and congregation and individual members. It is the intention of the congregation to have the walls and ceilings frescoed, but this will not be done at present. Altogether the church is a model of neatness and beauty, and reflects much credit on the congre-

gation. In connection with the new church it might be said here that St. Joseph's possesses the finest and largest pipe organ in this part of the State. It cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.00, half the cost being defrayed by Leopold Rohrer, one of the parishioners. There is a school attached to the congregation. The children to the number of 180 are in charge of Sisters of Divine Providence.

JOHN HINKSON, a venerable and well-respected citizen of Hickory township, where he is engaged in blacksmithing and in performing all kinds of fine machine work, both setting up and repairing articles of husbandry, and tools and appliances made for use in the trades and arts, was born in New Castle, Pa., June 19, 1831. He is a son of Aaron and Anna (Horn) Hinkson, both of whom were natives of Philadelphia, Pa.

George Hinkson, our subject's grandfather, who with his wife was a member of the Society of Friends, was born in the Keystone State in the near vicinity of Philadelphia, and was educated and passed his boyhood days on the home farm. He learned the millwright's trade, and learned it and improved on his knowledge so well that his services were in constant demand over a large part of the country, for he was one of the most skilled of mechanics. He followed this trade more or less throughout nearly all the years of his singularly active and useful career. He settled in Hickory township, this county, in 1820, taking up a farm and giving it the best of attention and cultivation. George Hinkson's

death took place in the 40's, and his decease was followed two years later by that of his wife. She was Kate Firlamb before her marriage; she bore her husband the following children: George; Preston; Aaron; William; Jonas; Henry; Cyrus; and Nicholas. He was a Democrat in his politics, but too unassuming to take a leading place in even local politics. They were honest, upright people, who commanded the full respect and sincere admiration of all who knew them.

Aaron Hinkson received his education in the schools of Belmont, and Canonsburg, Ohio, and at an early age learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it several years after moving to the western part of Pennsylvania. He then settled in New Castle, where he plied his trade some four or five years until he moved to Hickory township, where he received at his father's death fifty acres of the original homestead. There he followed his trade, and gave much of his attention to rural occupations, being considered a very able, industrious citizen, with a requisite amount of good judgment and energy to make a comfortable home for his family, and to never have to feel the keen edge of want. Like his father, the Democratic party was his first and last choice in the field of politics, and loyally and well did he support it, but never required the slightest favors in return for his valiant services. He married a daughter of William Horn of Philadelphia, and to our subject's parents were born the following children: John, the subject of this sketch; Thomas, who married Kate Gormley of Hickory township by whom he had two children: Sadie, who married Torrence White of Hickory township, and Charlie Firlamb, who married Lizzie Fair of Mercer County, as his first wife—Willie

and Bina, both living, were the fruit of this union; he married as his second wife, Mary Patterson of Mercer, Pa., and they have five children, Jennie, Jessie, Frank, John, and Firlamb; Sarah, who became the wife of James Reynolds of Neshannock township, and bore him Hannah, deceased, Luther, Aaron, deceased, James M., and Emma J.; Aaron, who married Maggie Young of Hickory township and has John, Hannah, Mary, James, Lewis and Kate. Our subject's father was also a member of the Friends Society. His death occurred Jan. 29, 1891, when aged eighty-two years; he was preceded in the journey to the farther shore by his wife, who departed this life March 18, 1855, aged fifty-two years.

John Hinkson, subject of this sketch, and oldest child in the parental family, was educated in the schools of New Castle, and also in those of Hickory township, then known as a part of Neshannock township. He learned as a trade blacksmithing, and later on when a resident of New Castle thoroughly mastered the trade of machinist, which he followed for a number of years, when he came to Hickory township, and located on the old Hinkson farm, later taking up a residence on the south branch of Huttenbaugh Run, where he put in operation a saw-mill, to which he afterwards added a machinist's lathe. He is now doing a large and prosperous business in the line of work of a machinist, and repairs all kinds of machinery in an unfailing satisfactory manner. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a strong advocate of political rights; for a period of four terms he has held the office of committeeman from Hickory township on the Democratic County Committee.

On Dec. 25, 1854, he was joined before the altar with Caroline Weakly, daughter of Robert Weakly of Mercer Co., Pa., and to them were given as a blessed heritage four children: Henry C.; James S.; Clara, deceased; and Frank B., who married Ida Rhodes of Scott township, and has three children, Jesse, Benjamin, and Bertha. Our subject's first wife dying Oct. 23, 1893, he then formed a second union with Annie Love of New Castle, Pa. Their religious attachments identify them with the M. E. Church at East Brook, Pa.

DAVID W. CHRISTIE, master mechanic of the New Castle Electric Light Co., was born in Arbroath, Scotland, Sept. 15, 1867, and is a son of James F. and Helen (Wilson) Christie, who were natives of that place.

Our subject's father was a machinist by trade and worked in the manufacture of locomotive engines, serving his apprenticeship in Scotland. He was an expert workman, and when he came to this country with his family he easily found work in the engine shops of Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y., but being seized with an attack of malaria, and not liking this climate as well as that of his own bonnie Scotland, he returned to his former home with his family, and has lived there since.

Of a family of ten children, nine of whom are now living, our subject was the eldest son. Following is the record: Helen; Betsey; Mary; David W.; James; Lizzie, who died young; Theodore; George; Alexander; and Minnie. David W. served his apprenticeship and learned his

trade thoroughly in Scotland, and in 1886 returned to this country, arriving in Boston and worked in the Atlantic Works a short time, then in New York City, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg, being employed in the latter place in the Carnegie works. He then settled in New Castle, and served as master mechanic a few years for the S. V. Steel Co., and then obtained his present situation with the New Castle Electric Light Co.

Mr. Christie married Miss Catherine Ann Jones, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Jones, and born in Wheatland, Mercer County. They have two children: Frank and Helen. Mr. Christie is a Republican, a member of the K. of P. Lodge, and an attendant of the United Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS S. LINDSEY, deceased. This gentleman, who is familiar to the older generations of Lawrence County, as one of the county's most progressive and prosperous agriculturists of the early day, was born in Mercer Co., Pa., in 1806, and died in 1866, being survived by his wife and a number of children and grandchildren.

George Lindsey, the father of Thomas, was an Irishman by birth and by parentage; he came to Pennsylvania from the "ould sod" about 1770, and settled in Mercer County, where he purchased a farm in the vicinity of Wilmington, and was engaged in cultivating its virgin soil the remainder of his life, reaping and garnering splendid crops by reason of his skill in gardening and agricultural work. He married Nancy Sampson, who bore him nine children: John; James;

Robert; Elizabeth; George; Thomas; Jane; Nancy; and Boyd. They were upon coming to this country what were known as Seceders in religious belief, but later in life united with the United Presbyterian Church.

Thomas S. Lindsey received his education in Neshannock township, and followed the footsteps of his father in adopting the vocation of a farmer as a means of support. He was a man who loved to see the most made of things, and his industry and exceptionally good judgment, which placed him among the first citizens of the township, were the subject of remark for long years after his death. He was at first a Whig, and then in 1856 became a Republican, as that party seemed destined then to succeed its parent.

In 1831* he married Sarah Bay, daughter of William V. Bay, a native of Neshannock township, and to them were born nine children: Lily Ann, who married McGiffin Fisher of Neshannock township, and has four children—Melda J., Lawrence, William, and Sarah E.; William, deceased, who married Mary A. Bay of Neshannock township, and has three children—Frederick L., Thomas L., and Edna F.; Lawrence, deceased; George, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Lizzie, deceased; John, deceased; Nancy Florenda, deceased; and an infant that died unnamed. Mrs. Lindsey, who was born Oct. 16, 1811, and is therefore well-advanced toward the nonogerarian mark, is active and bright, and does not seem to be as old as she really is by twenty years. The family are United Presbyterians, of which society Mrs. Lindsey has been a member for sixty-five years, quite a wonderful record, and one that she may well be proud of, for it is not met with every day.

WILLIAM H. BRABY. The gentleman, whose name stands at the head of this brief biography, ranks among the first business men of the County of Lawrence, as a man whose interests are many and lucrative, and whose commercial operations for the past twenty years have been mainly confined to Wampum and its vicinity. He was born in Kingston, Canada, July 23, 1847. He was a son of William Braby and his wife Marian, who was a daughter of George Witherspoon, a powder-maker of Edinburgh, Scotland. William Braby was born near London, Feb. 2, 1806, and was a farmer by occupation, although twenty-two years of his life were passed in the British Army, where he reached the rank of sergeant. He was a son of William Braby, Sr., who was a gamekeeper on a large landed estate in England.

Mr. Braby, our subject, was the fifth of a family of sixteen children. He has two brothers living in Wampum—one of whom is James, the proprietor of a restaurant, and the other is Benjamin, a grocer. Mr. Braby's residence in Canada terminated at the age of sixteen, when he started on the journey that found its end in Clinton, Beaver Co., Pa. For two years he was with his uncle, William Somerville, who dealt extensively in coal. He then became a clerk in the store of Pierce, Somerville & Co., in the same town, and remained with that firm a period of two years, and later with the Clinton Coal Company sixteen years, during which time his salary was gradually increased from \$20 to \$150 per month.

In 1877 our subject decided to branch out for himself in commercial life, so he opened a hardware store in Wampum, and as his business

grew to large dimensions during the next four years he built a store-room and added a stock of dry goods. In 1888, he again increased his facilities and branched out still farther by adding the departments of furniture and undertaking to his other successful ventures. On Jan. 1, 1897, he sold all of his mercantile interests, retaining only the furniture store. In 1894 he opened a livery barn, being associated in this venture with his son-in-law Charles C. Cunningham, and is able to furnish the most stylish of conveyances, as well as serviceable, in a reasonable length of time. In 1896, he negotiated for the large sandstone quarries that lie two miles south of Wampum, and after satisfactory terms and arrangements for payment had been made took possession, and began developing the resources of his new venture, exhibiting his customary thrift and energy in doing so. Mr. Braby is pre-eminently a self-made man, according to what is understood in the general sense of the word, for he has relied on his own ability to make for himself a place in the world, and he has attained an enviable position, being a thorough business man in every respect. He is serving his second term as postmaster of Wampum, and he is a Democrat of the Jacksonian type to the very backbone. He is a member of two secret societies—Wampum Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., and New Castle Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mr. Braby was united in marriage on Nov. 23, 1870, to Jennie E. Wilkinson, daughter of William S. and Mary E. (Robinson) Wilkinson. Three children blessed this marriage: Maude M., Lillian, and Mary. Maude M. became the wife of Charles C. Cunningham, son of H. Ira Cunningham of Wampum, and they have two



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children—Louis and Clare. Mr. and Mrs. Braby are regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is benevolent and kind, a good neighbor, a devoted father and husband, and is entitled to the confidence of his fellow-townsmen and friends, which he possesses to a marked degree. Oct. 1, 1897, the Major & McCready Co., formerly in the dry goods business, and Braby & Snare, who were interested in the stone business, and W. H. Braby consolidated, and the stone firm is now known as the Wampum Sand Stone Co., and the grocery and dry goods business is under the style of the Beaver Valley Supply Co. (Snare retiring from the firm of Braby, Snare & Co.) with main office at Wampum, Pa.

SAMUEL CLARK McCREARY, a prosperous agriculturist of Neshannock township, whose portrait may be found on the opposite page, was born in the above township, in 1838, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Lindsey) McCready, and grandson of Samuel and Margaret (McCleary) McCreary.

The grandfather of our subject came to this country from his native place in Union Co., Pa., with his wife in 1802, and settled in Mercer County, in that part of which is now a part of Lawrence County. He was a farmer by occupation, which calling, in connection with raising cattle for the market, continued to occupy his attention and to command his labors until failing powers demanded his retirement; his death took place in

1858, when he was aged eighty years. He worked hard and late, with an industry that is rarely seen or even equalled and was considered as a prosperous man of the time in which he lived, and would be considered well-off to-day, for he owned upwards of six hundred acres of valuable land. He was a supporter of Whig doctrines in politics. He and his wife were attendants of the Presbyterian Church. She bore him ten children, as follows: Enoch; Eliza; Elizabeth; Thomas; William; Jane; Martha; Findlay; Margaret and Nancy. Grandfather Samuel McCreary served in the War of 1812.

Thomas McCreary was educated in the schools of his native town, and upon arriving at manhood's estate chose agriculture as a life-work, and followed it all his life, also dealing in cattle, sheep, etc., to a considerable extent. The virtues of the father were continued in the son, and he too by industry and excellent judgment improved upon the patrimony left him, and became a leading citizen of his community. He at first wielded his franchise of a voter under the direction of the Whig party, but later became an earnest Republican, but would never accept office, although very active in the service of his party. His wife, before mentioned, was a daughter of George Lindsey, and bore him the following children: Samuel C.; Margaret, who married Robert D. Patterson of Union township, and made him the proud parent of five children—Thomas, Adella J., Nannie T. P., John D., and Robert H. S.; George L., deceased, was a member of Co. F, 100th Reg. Pa. Vol., he died of wounds received in the army; Baxter, who married Hattie Lee of the State of Iowa; Henry, who married Mary A. Gibson of Wilmington

township, this county, and has two children, George and Letitia; Nancy J., now deceased, who married Thomas Pomeroy, and left him two children, Margaret and Nellie. They were Presbyterians in religious belief. Mrs. McCreary passed away in 1891, aged eighty years. Our subject's father is still living and enjoying life at the age of eighty-eight years.

The district schools of Neshannock township furnished Samuel C. with a rudimentary education. He worked on the farm until August, 1861, when he enlisted for service in the defense of the Union in Co. F, 100th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until Dec. 4, 1862, being discharged at that time for disabilities received in the service, losing a limb at Chantilly, Va. On his return, he managed the farm for a time, and then took a course in the Iron City Business College of Pittsburg, Pa., and in 1872 was elected prothonotary of Lawrence County (commonly known as clerk of court); in this capacity he served six years, retiring Jan. 1, 1879, returning then to his farm. He owns and cultivates ninety-six acres of valuable, well-improved land, devoted to general farming and stock-raising. He is a staunch Republican, politically. Socially, he is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 100, of New Castle, Pa.

In 1867, he was joined in matrimony with Margaret A. Deemer, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Rodgers) Deemer of Plain Grove township; five children have been the fruit of this union: Jennie M., who married William V. Fisher and has two children, Margaret M. and Lilly Ann; Ira C., who is studying for the ministry at Allegheny, Pa.; Thomas E. married Miss Claudine Shoaff of Neshannock township; Nancy E.;

and Harry D. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. McCreary is an elder of the first U. P. Church of New Castle. Mr. and Mrs. McCreary are highly esteemed in their neighborhood and township, and are entitled to be classed among the first citizens. They are the friends of good order and system, and are contributing their portion toward the further progress of the community, morally, socially, and intellectually.

REV. THOMAS W. WINTER, the subject of this personal notice, is one of New Castle's most honored and respected citizens, who has seen many years of varied service in the ministerial field in the United Presbyterian Church. He was born in Xenia, Ohio, July 27, 1828, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Cochran) Winter, the former of Virginia but raised in the State of Kentucky, and the latter a native of Kentucky.

Stephen Winter, the grandfather of Rev. Thomas W., was born in London, England, where he followed his skilled trade of a lapidary or cutter of precious stones. He drifted with the tide of emigration to the American colonies in 1775, and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. The common cause of the patriots against King George and his minions for deeds of oppression, violence and injustice found in him a ready sympathizer and a zealous soldier in the War of the Revolution, serving as a private through many a weary and doubtful campaign, for which service he drew a pension during his life. He later removed to the State of Virginia,

and he was living with his youngest son at Xenia, Ohio, at the time of his death, in November, 1836, at the age of eighty-four years. He married Martha Linn, and their union proved fruitful in the birth of the following children: James, born Feb. 14, 1785; Joseph S., March 13, 1787; Agnes, July 21, 1789; Elizabeth, July 10, 1792; William, Dec. 14, 1795; Adam, Aug. 14, 1798; John, March 29, 1801; and Joseph C., Feb. 9, 1808. They were members of the Associate Presbyterian Church.

William, the fifth son and father of the subject of this short biography, after completing his education in his native town, early turned his attention to the tanner's trade, and served a number of years as apprentice, and also as a partner with his brother James, but finally gave up that calling to engage in agricultural pursuits, in which line of work he was occupied in Greene County, Ohio, in the vicinity of Xenia up to the time of his death, July 18, 1839, at the age of 46 years. He was considered a well-to-do farmer, and was able to provide very well for his family, but was never able to lay by any large amount of money. In his political affiliations he was a staunch Whig, and was an especially firm and decided Anti-Slavery man. Public affairs, whether of local or national interest ever appealed to him, and he served very acceptably as county assessor, and settled a large number of estates. He was a very honest man, whose reputation for strict integrity and uprightness had not its equal in the community where he lived. He possessed no small ability, that was exhibited not only in his farming operations but also in whatever transaction to which he was a party. In his religious belief he followed in the

footsteps of his father, and was an elder in the Associate Presbyterian Church through many years. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of William Cochran, of Cynthia, Harrison Co., Ky. There were born to our subject's parents the following named ten children, as follows: Mary J.; James; William C.; Martha; Marguerite A.; Rev. Thomas W.; Agnes; Matthew H.; Elizabeth; and Joseph L.

From the district schools near his home our subject was advanced in the securing of an education to Xenia Academy, from where he went to Franklin College at New Athens, Ohio, and graduated from that institution in 1853. He then pursued a theological course at the Seminary in Cannonsburg, Pa., and was licensed to preach as a minister of the church in 1856. His first work was as a missionary in the State of Wisconsin. He then was a pastor of a church in Lawrence Co., Pa., for eleven years, after which he was pastor in Adamsville, Crawford Co., Pa., for eight years, and in East Palestine, Ohio, for six years. He then retired from the arduous work in which he had been engaged for so many years, and in June, 1892, came to New Castle as a pleasant spot where he could settle down and take the latter years of his life in comfort, with no harrassing cares to disturb the mind. Mr. Winter has a large circle of friends who delight to do him honor. He has always been an adherent of the Republican party.

His first wife, who was Miss Jane Scott of New Athens, Ohio, died in 1859, bore him two children, namely: Frances R., who died in 1874; and Allison T., who is engaged in railroad work in Denver, Colorado. After the death of Mrs.

Winter, our subject lived alone a number of years, and was then joined in marriage with Mary McClelland of Mt. Jackson, Pa., and from this union three children resulted: Elizabeth M., Robert Mc., and William W. Mrs. Winter's brother, William McClelland, was adjutant-general under Governor Pattison at the time of his death, and before he was elevated to that office he was captain of Battery B, First Penn. Reserves, having served four years in the War of the Rebellion. Dr. Robert McClelland, Mrs. Winter's father, who married a Miss Mary Woods of Mt. Jackson, this county, was himself a native of Ireland, being brought to this country when a lad of five years by his parents. He was engaged in the practice of medicine for nearly thirty years in Mt. Jackson and vicinity. Few men were more highly respected or had greater influence in the community than he. In religion he was a United Presbyterian. In politics he was a Democrat, and served one term as a member of Assembly in the Pennsylvania Legislature. He died in 1869, in his 70th year.

REV. ROBERT CURTIS STEWART, the esteemed pastor of Rich Hill and Volant Presbyterian Church of Wilmington township, Lawrence Co., Pa., whose residence is in the northern part of Hickory township, was born March 27, 1865, and is a son of Robert and Melvina (Westlake) Stewart, both natives of Mercer Co., Pa.

John Stewart, the grandfather of the subject of this notice, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and came from the north of Ireland to the United

States when a young man, and settled in Mercer Co., Pa., where he purchased a farm, and engaged himself in its cultivation throughout the remainder of his life. He married Jane Nelson, a native of Ireland, and to them were born William; Benjamin; John; George; Robert and Samuel, twins; Eliza; Margaret; and Mary. In their religion, they held steadfastly to the teachings and doctrines of the M. E. Church, in which they had been raised.

Our subject's father, after securing a common school education in Mercer County, learned the carpenter's trade, which in connection with a little farming remained his vocation. He is a stanch Republican, and uniformly shows his belief in its principles by casting a ballot at each election for its candidates. He married a daughter of George Westlake of Mercer County, and to our subject's parents were born six children: Hannah, who married Frank McMasters of Plain Grove, and has one child, Ethel; Mary, who married Edward Reynolds of New Castle, and has borne him four children, Edith, Blanche, Bessie, and Minnie; Robert C.; Edward, deceased; William, who married Sadie Dight of North Liberty, Mercer County, who died and left him one child, Addie; and George. The family are Presbyterians.

Rev. Robert C. Stewart received his primary education in the schools of Grove City; he graduated from the high school in 1890, and then took a higher course, and graduated from that in 1892. He then entered the Western Theological Seminary, from which he received his diploma in 1895. He immediately commenced his service for God and humanity in his first field of labor, his present pastorate in Wilmington

township. He has been an earnest and conscientious laborer in the vineyard of the Master, and is held in high estimation by his parishioners. In 1890, he married Clara Covert, daughter of Jacob Covert of Grove City, Pa., and to them have been given two children, R. Francis, and M. Leila. His views on politics lean strongly toward the Prohibition party.

MRS. ELIZABETH J. BEAR of Hickory township, Lawrence Co., Pa., is the widow of the Rev. Richard M. Bear, a most highly respected Methodist clergyman, whose death took place in the city of New Castle, in 1888, when he was aged three score and ten years. Mrs. Bear was a daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Ramsey) Jordan, and granddaughter of Henry Jordan, who was a native of Germany. Our subject's grandfather came to America when fourteen years of age, having been drafted into the British Army, and very soon after his arrival he took part in the Revolutionary War, joining the Continental Army at New York, deserting from the British. He served through the remaining portion of the war as a private, and when discharged from the band of patriots, who had fought and bled in Freedom's cause, settled in what is now Washington township, Lawrence County, where he purchased a tract of virgin soil, heavily timbered; he occupied the rest of his years in clearing the tall forest trees, and in following the peaceful and honorable calling of an agriculturist, at which line of work he was very successful, taking high rank for general ability and excellence of

work among his brother-farmers. Although not personally interested in politics, he was, notwithstanding, a strong partisan of the Democratic party. He married Elizabeth Marsheimer, a native of Eastern Pennsylvania, and the fruits of their union were: John; Henry; Daniel; George; Michael; Susan; Elizabeth; Catherine; and Mary. They looked for religious counsel and upholding faith in the Presbyterian Church. Henry Jordan died sometime in the '40's, aged ninety-two years; his wife was called to join the ransomed ones on the other shore, when in her ninetieth year, in 1851 or 1852.

Educational advantages in new sparsely settled districts of a country that is still poor in everything but its natural wealth, are sometimes unconventional in the extreme, and the school-house, wherein Michael Jordan, the father of our subject, received his education was much after the usual run of school-houses of that day, when out in the remote pioneer districts. It was, of course, built of logs, unhewn, with the cracks filled up with stiff clay; the windows were small and high in the wall, and because of the price of glass were glazed with oiled paper; everything was primitive to the last degree, but who shall say that the rudiments of learning imparted in such institutions, under all kinds of obstacles, have not been of the greatest influence in molding our life as a nation, and in kindling a spark of ambition for higher attainments that has led many a bright, barefoot boy to rise from one position to another, till his name becomes famous, and his works have been given a place among the best works of the age. The American school-house should occupy a tender spot in every loyal American's heart. When the school

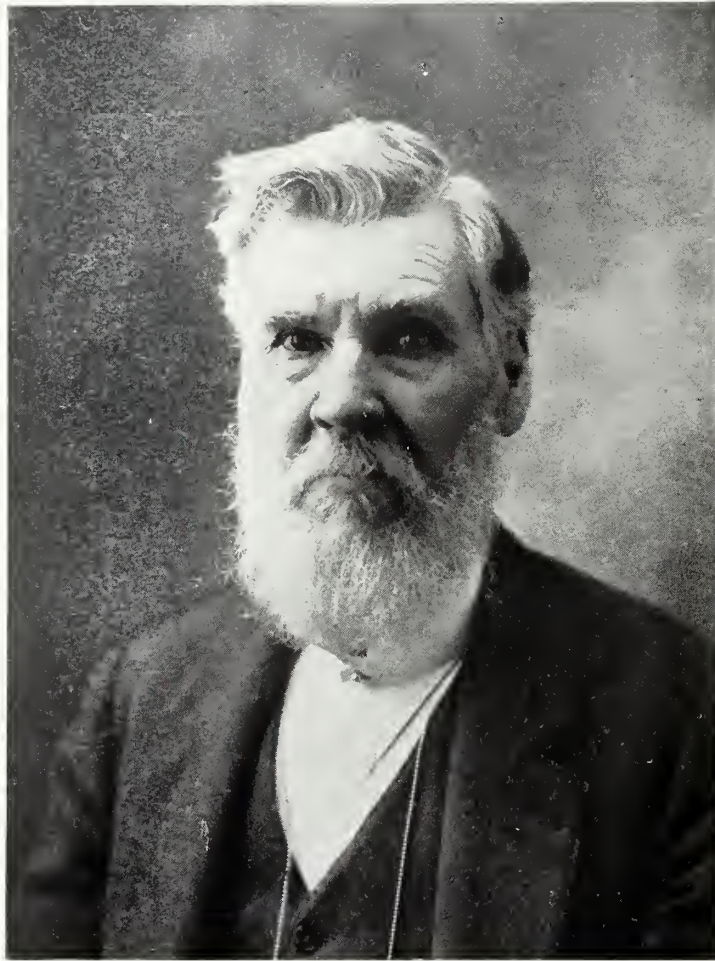
had done as much for him as it was able, he became a young farmer, but was also interested extensively in the buying and selling of horses, cattle, sheep, etc., and at one period was successfully engaged in the mercantile business. His was a well-rounded, vigorous character, and his energies intelligently directed in whatever direction always brought him wealth and a farther rise in his station; money once acquired became the nucleus of a larger amount, and kept on increasing indefinitely. He has spent all of his life in Washington township, where he is looked upon with respect as a leading citizen. He married Rebecca Ramsey, daughter of James and Sarah Ramsey, who were both natives of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and of this union there resulted four children: James, who died in 1844, aged seventeen years; Sarah A., deceased at seventeen years of age; Maria, who married Thomas Martin of Washington township, and has a family of three children, Agnes, Elizabeth, and Margaret; and Elizabeth, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Jordan died in 1851, aged forty-two years. Michael Jordan died in 1888, aged eighty-six years.

Mrs. Bear has been married twice. Her first marriage was in 1850 to Alexander McDowell, a native of Neshannock township (now Hickory), and by this union she became the mother of three children: Rebecca and Rachel, both of whom died in infancy; and Hannah M., who became the wife of Eliphaz B. Wilson, a native of Hickory township, and has five children, Lillie, deceased, Bertha (Mrs. E. Snodgrass) of Allegheny Pa., who has one child, Robert, Alexander Mc, who is studying for the ministry, Elizabeth, and Paul. Mr. McDowell, who was born in 1827,

departed his life in 1873, and his widow thereupon, in 1877, married the Rev. Richard M. Bear, a Methodist clergyman, who was then located at Mt. Jackson, Pa., and who for many years was a member of the Erie Conference. After his marriage with our subject he filled pastoral positions in Jamestown, Pa., Middlesex, Pa., Fredonia, Pa., and Volant, this county. Mrs. Bear's grandmother, Sarah Taylor, was the first white woman who crossed the Slippery Rock River; she was a distant relative of Zachary Taylor.

LEWIS BANKS, a well-to-do and much respected farmer of Hickory township, was born on the farm, where he now lives, Nov. 21, 1852, and is a son of James L. and Sarah A. (McDowell) Banks, and grandson of James Banks, who was born in Juniata County, and came to Lawrence County in 1817, settling in Neshannock Falls in Wilmington township, where he purchased a farm that was still covered with its native growth of timber. He followed farming all of his life, and proved himself to be of eminent service to the community of which he was a resident. He married Mary Law of Juniata Co., Pa., and to them were born six children: Elizabeth; James L.; Rebecca A.; Margaret; and Andrew and Mary J., twins. They were Presbyterians, and followed the rules of life as laid down by that religious society.

James L. Banks was also a farmer by occupation, and kept up an uninterrupted work on his farm until the outbreak of the war. He then en-



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listed in the service of the government with the three months' men in the 100th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., or, as it was popularly called, the "Round Head Regiment"; the company in which he was placed was under the command of Capt. Leasure. He was not permitted to see home or its loved ones again, for his death took place in Beaufort, S. C., in 1862, when he was forty-five years of age, his birth having been in 1817. In 1841, his marriage with Sarah A. McDowell, a daughter of Samuel McDowell of Westmoreland County, but latterly a resident of Hickory township, this county, took place, and this union resulted in the birth of five children: Josephine, who married James Quest of New Castle, Pa., and has a large and flourishing family of nine children—James, Edwin, Addie, Wallace, Mack, William, Lizzie, Mont, and Sadie; Samuel A.; Lewis, the subject of this brief personal history; Eva, who married Joseph Pyle of Neshannock township, and had four children—LeRoy E., James McDowell, Sarah E., and Gertrude Josephine; Edmond, who married Miss Rosa Bentley of New York State, and has one child, Thurman—his second wife was Miss Mollie Fletcher of Thurman, Iowa, where they now reside. In their religious views, they favored the United Presbyterian Church.

Lewis Banks finished his schooling satisfactorily in the district schools of his native town, and when still a very young man took up farming on the old home farm, where he has remained ever since, and where he takes care of his aged mother.

In 1880, he was joined in matrimony with Jemima McKee, daughter of Thomas McKee of Neshannock township, and this union has result-

ed in the birth of three children: Stewart, who lives at home; Gertrude, deceased; and Bertha Adelle. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but the alluring promise of political advancement has never tempted him to enter the field of active partisanship. He is a good citizen and valued member of society and reflects honor on his excellent and worthy ancestry. In the matter of religious attachments, he is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of East Brook, Pennsylvania.

COL. ROBERT B. McCOMB, a prominent politician and lawyer of New Castle, too well-known to the residents of Lawrence Co., Pa., to need any introduction, was born Aug. 15, 1820, in Mercer Co., Pa. He is a son of Malcolm McComb, and a grandson of Robert McComb, who was born near Wilmington, Del. After his son Malcolm moved to Mercer County, he came also in 1808, and remained until his death at the age of seventy-seven years. He married Jane Stevenson, and they reared seven children.

Malcolm McComb, the second son, was born in 1792, and in 1806 came to Mercer County and cleared a farm in Lackawanna township, where he died in 1849. He married Jane Summerville, who died at the age of seventy years. Six children were born to them, of whom our subject was the second son.

At the age of seventeen years he began to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker, and in 1839 went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained until 1843, when he returned to New Castle. In 1851, he undertook the study of law under the

direction of D. B. Kurtz, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. During the same year he was elected to the lower branch of the Legislature. In 1855 he was re-elected, and at the organization of the House was made chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. His position on this committee caused him to examine into the revenue system of the State, and the inequality of our mode of taxation; he then first conceived the idea of abolishing the tax upon real estate for State purposes, and proposed to make up the deficiency in the revenue by levying a tax upon the gross receipts of railroad companies, reasoning that real estate had to bear the burden of local taxation, which was enough on that class of property. The tax on real estate was ultimately abolished. During this session he also drafted the Sunday Liquor Law. In 1856 he was again re-elected. He is a Republican, and holds that our prosperity depends upon the protection of American industries, and a purely national currency, adequate to the productive power of the people.

In 1862 our subject served as colonel of the 14th Reg. Pa. Vol. Militia Inf., and in 1863 was at the head of the 55th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf. Col. McComb married Anna L. (Guerard) McGuffin of Savannah, Georgia, and has one child, Harriet G., who became the wife of Lewis B. Hamilton of Waterbury, Conn. Mrs. McComb was, before her marriage to Col. McComb, the wife of the late John A. McGuffin, and by this union there was one child, Johanna, who married W. N. Rodgers of Savannah, Georgia. Col. McComb's portrait is shown on a preceding page, and is an excellent likeness of a gentleman who is prominent, popular and successful in life.

JOHN W. WADDINGTON. The business of general merchandising in a community like East Brook, Hickory township, this county, is always of considerable importance. The man who has the faculty to carry this on successfully becomes an important factor in its general prosperity, and, indeed, to a considerable extent, determines its standing, for by his good judgment he may lead his patrons and the people of the community at large to desire the best goods and refuse to accept anything but what is superior in its line. Mr. Waddington has been such a merchant, and has dealt in all the articles required by the household from provisions to clothing and embracing all intermediate articles.

Our subject is a son of John and Sarah J. (Fisher) Waddington, and grandson of Benjamin and Nancy (Burnley) Waddington. Benjamin Waddington was born in 1798 in Leeds or Eccleswell, Eng., and came to this country with the desire to better his condition in life in 1832, settling in Beaver County at first, later moving to what is now Hickory township, where he purchased a farm, and engaged in agricultural pursuits a short time. His trade was that of a wool-spinner, and so we next find him interested in the manufacture of woolen goods at East Brook, Hickory township. He lived in the latter place until 1872, when on account of his wife's death, he moved to Fort Wayne, to live with his son William, where he died in 1875, aged seventy-seven years. He was a very active, progressive man, and was considered a very prosperous citizen. His wife, who was like him a native of England, bore him these children: John; Wilkes, who married as his first wife a Miss Simington of Wilmington township, as his second wife

Nancy Galloway of Beaver County, who bore him three children, Joseph, George, deceased, and one that died in infancy, and as his third wife Catherine Lint by whom he had William, Benjamin, Frank, and C. Andrew; Sarah, who became the wife of Alexander Carpenter of East Brook; Benjamin, who married Abigail McDonald of Brighton township, Beaver Co., Pa., and had six children—Laura, deceased, Joseph, Horace, Cora and Nellie, twins, and Lawrence, deceased; William, deceased, who married Rose A. Andrews of Pittsburg, Pa., and had three children—Jane, Walter, and Benjamin; Thomas, whose first wife was Bell Book of Scott township, this county, by whom he had three children, Charles W., Seth, and Emma, and whose second wife was Anna Emery of Scott township, who bore him Sylvester, Thomas and William; Louisa, who married John Lankard and had two children, Ella and Mary, and then at her husband's death married William Bright of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and had three more children, Benjamin, Fannie, and Flora; Emeline, who married John Chriswell of East Brook, and had one child, Emma (O'Neil); J. Seth, who married Jennie Howard of Allegheny, Pa., and has five children, Emma, Lennie, Fannie, Howard, and Cora.

John Waddington, the eldest son of Benjamin, was born in England, in 1819, and came with his father from the old country in 1832, and settled in Beaver County and in a short time came to East Brook, which was then in Neshannock township, Hickory township not having been set off at that time; he was one of the pioneers of the village, there being only two houses then to mark what has become a thriving business center. He learned the cabinet-maker's trade in

Beaver County, and followed the same until 1854, when he moved his family to East Brook and he himself went to Crestline, Ohio, where he served as baggage-master a few months, returning at the conclusion of his service to East Brook; he engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1884, when he retired from active business life, devoting his time to the duties of his official position as postmaster of East Brook, till the date of his death. He was one of the first postmasters, his father-in-law, John Fisher, being the first. His activity far exceeded that of the ordinary man, and his energetic nature did not seem to be content unless important measures were being rushed to completion. In politics, he was a Whig, and then a Democrat, and served in various township offices, such as school director, auditor, etc. On June 13, 1844, he was joined in matrimony with Sarah J. Fisher, daughter of John Fisher of East Brook, Pa.; she was born Oct. 1, 1825. Nine children, as follows, were the fruit of this union: Isophene, who married Hezekiah McCreary of East Brook, and has three children—Frank L., Lennie, and John T.; Charles L., who married Augusta Bauman, and has two children—William and Anna L.; Ollie, deceased; John W., our subject; Sarah J., who married Benjamin C. Rhodes of East Brook, and has two children, John W. and Cora; Anna M.; Emma, who became the wife of Elmer Shafer of New Wilmington, and has one child, Harry; two died in infancy, named Nancy and Laura.

John W. Waddington was born March 12, 1857, received his elementary education in the common schools of East Brook, and finished with a college education at Beaver College, and

also at New Castle, Pa. As soon as his school days were fairly over, he engaged in the mercantile business with his father in 1879, and continued with him until 1881, when he purchased the latter's business and in company with his brother-in-law, B. C. Rhodes, ran the store one year on a partnership basis, when Mr. Rhodes purchased the stock of goods and good-will of the business of our subject and carried on the business alone one year, during which time Mr. Waddington was engaged in dealing in stock of all kinds. In 1884, he bought the store of Mr. Rhodes and carried on the business himself for two years, selling out at the expiration of that period to T. W. Chambers. Mr. Waddington then moved to New Castle, and accepted an important position in the new rod mill as foreman, and continued to serve in that capacity for two years and a half. He then in company with his aforetime partner, B. C. Rhodes, purchased the stock of grocers Kay & Wilkinson of New Castle, and conducted a stand in the city until our subject disposed of his interest, returned to East Brook, and has been located there ever since. He is evidently on the high road to prosperity, is a fair and square business man, and, though still young in years, has made his mark in the community of which he is a resident and honored citizen. He has a large and increasing trade, and is esteemed throughout the county for his strict business principles and upright character.

His marriage with Amanda Jordan, daughter of George Jordan of Washington township, was celebrated March 12, 1879, and this happy union has resulted in the birth of six children: William; Frank; Ollie, deceased; Lennie, deceased; Gertrude; and John. Since arriving at his ma-

jority he has always supported the Republican party, and now occupies a prominent place in the local councils of that party; he is now a member of the Republican County Committee from Hickory township. He has been auditor for three years, and is at the present time a school director; he has also been postmaster under Cleveland's administration, but resigned, his place being filled by Mr. Chambers. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to Mahoning Lodge, No. 243 of New Castle. He is also a member of the Protected Home Circle, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Ancient Order of United Workmen. In his religious attachments, he is a member of the M. E. Church.

MRS. FLORENCE L. PHILLIP, the widow of the late Ephraim Phillip, is a woman whose influence for all that is good has been long felt and recognized in and about North Beaver township. For many years she and her devoted husband lived in harmony, rearing a well-trained family, and doing good to all who came within the range of their Christian influence.

Mrs. Florence L. (Gilmore) Phillip was a daughter of highly-respected parents, Joseph and Sarah (Pitts) Gilmore. She married the late Ephraim Phillip, nobly assuming the care of several children born to him by his first wife, who died at an early age. Ephraim Phillip was the son of Ephraim and Anna (Newton) Phillip. Ephraim Phillip, Sr., was a native of the State of New Jersey, as was his wife; after their marriage they journeyed to Lawrence County and

purchased a place near Enon Valley. The country was then new, and a log-house was their first abiding-place; this rude building continued to be their home until Mr. Phillip began to manufacture brick from a fine bed of clay he found on his estate, and thus was provided with the material for a new house. A brick structure was accordingly erected, and is standing to-day, a tribute to his excellent, painstaking work. Being located on the State Road he saw a chance to make money in the tavern business, which he followed for some time. He also built a saw-mill, and did a great amount of custom-work for the early settlers thereabouts. He died at the early age of forty-three years, having accomplished very much in that comparatively brief period. His children were: Thomas, deceased; Catherine; Isaac N., deceased; Sarah; Ephraim, Jr.; John Taylor; Mary, deceased; Charles M.; and Thomas W. Ephraim Phillip, the younger, and the husband of the subject of this sketch, was born in Little Beaver township, Feb. 23, 1824, and died April 29, 1897. He was known from his youth up as a man possessed of the highest Christian attributes and virtues. Educated at the Meadville Academy, he in early life preached the gospel and assisted in the erection of the Disciples Church at New Castle, Pa. Later in life he retired from active work in the ministry, and purchased the beautiful home, now the home of his honored widow. Many improvements were added as time passed. His attention was given over chiefly to agricultural pursuits, and his devoted wife ably seconded him, whatever the interests were that were at stake. On a part of his estate, he erected five cottages, and sold off lots from the portion which is now

known as Willow Grove. He and his wife also donated two lots for the site of a school-house in their neighborhood. The story of the life of Ephraim Phillip is that of his wife now left behind. In all the busy affairs of life, she was his companion and adviser. He was a good business man, and an active and respected citizen. He was a true, earnest Christian in every sense of the word. She was quite as devout and fully as sympathetic.

Mr. Phillip's first wife was Lucretia Kelso, who at her death left him four children, namely: Alexander C.; Annie; Sadie; and Elizabeth. Though they lost their own dear mother, these children found another as loving and as painstaking. The children born to Ephraim and Florence L. Phillip were: Goldie Idena, born Dec. 8, 1887; Orlando Russell, Nov. 15, 1889; and Floyd Wendell, Feb. 26, 1892.

In her beautiful home, surrounded with the things that make life worth the living, Mrs. Phillip now resides. She devotes her time to her growing children, and no one could be a truer mother. With all the varied duties of home, she always finds time to listen to the story of the distressed, and to extend a helping hand to the needy one, destitute of the necessities of life. The loss of her beloved and respected husband was a great one to her, and he was none the less mourned by the community. It is a comfort to his widow to know in what esteem he was held, how his Christian character is cited as a model, and how he is missed by all those who used to know him. She, however, is ably using the means in her control to be of the same use and the same good that they would unitedly have been had he been spared.

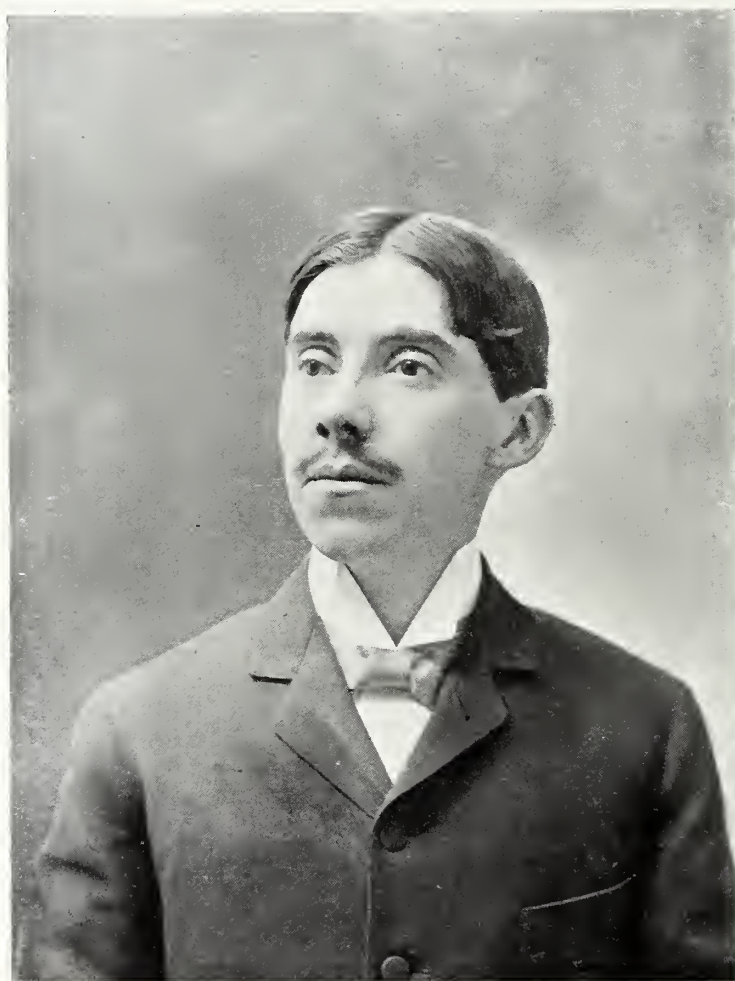
DR. ROBERT G. BOAK, a leading physician of East Brook, Hickory township, was born in Slippery Rock township, this county, March 16, 1865, and is a son of Charles and Eleanor A. (Weller) Boak, the former of Scott and the latter of Slippery Rock township.

Charles Boak, Sr., the grandfather of Dr. Boak, was a native of Ireland; he came to America with his parents when a lad, and settled with them in eastern Pennsylvania; when he grew up, he bade the old home and the loved ones there good-bye and came to Scott township, where he purchased a farm in the near vicinity of Harlansburg, where, in connection with farming, he found time to profitably employ himself in the winter months teaching school. He was a very intelligent, well-read man, whose opinions and ideas were well-grounded on established facts; his ability as a school-teacher was recognized, and many old settlers of that part of the county still remember with pleasure the good lessons taught them by Mr. Boak. His family was constituted of the following children: Rebecca; Aaron; Peggy; Charles; Sarah; Martha; William; Washington; Mary A.; and Eliza. They were United Presbyterians in their religious sympathies.

The father of our subject completed his education in Scott township schools, and then turned his attention to farming, which he followed all the years of his life given over to active labor in Slippery Rock township; in 1887, he moved to New Castle, where he lived in retirement until his death. He bore an excellent reputation as a successful and prosperous farmer, who ever lent himself to the promotion of the best interests of his locality and township. He

was a staunch Republican, and held several offices at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen. His wife, who was a daughter of William Weller, made him the proud and happy parent of seven children, namely: Charles, who married Carrie Badger of Portersville, Butler Co., Pa., and has one son, Clyde; Mary, who married William Joiner of Louisville, Ky.; Thomas, who married Maggie Alford of Slippery Rock township, and has one son, Howard; Robert G., the subject of this notice; Agnes, who married Phillip Sechler of Slippery Rock township, and has one child, Gula. Mrs. Boak died in 1890, aged sixty-three years, and her husband followed her to the land of rest three years later at the same age. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Robert G. Boak obtained an elementary education in the district schools of his immediate neighborhood, and in the State Normal School of Edinboro, Pa. After having advanced thus far, he taught school for seven years, during which time for the space of one year he read medicine under the direction of Dr. Charles Hunt of Princeton, Pa., not neglecting his duties in the least. He then entered the Baltimore Medical College of Baltimore, Md., in 1893, and after one year changed his location, becoming a medical student in the medical department of the Western University of Pittsburg, Pa., from which he graduated in 1897. Having determined beforehand on East Brook as a suitable location, he at once opened an office in the village, and entered upon the active practice of his profession. He has obtained in short time the goodwill and patronage of the people of East Brook and its vicinity, who regard him as a well-read, enterprising member of the medical profession,



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who has at his command the latest methods in the treatment of diseases, and the requisite knowledge and ability to use them successfully. His many friends are united in wishing him the best of success.

In 1886, he was joined in marriage with Minerva McCurdy, daughter of Abraham McCurdy of Princeton, Pa., and their home has been blessed with the arrival of two children, W. Earl and Robert C. The family has identified itself with the Presbyterian Church in all its good work.

DR. EDWIN S. COOPER, a rising young physician of New Castle, with abundant promise for a brilliant future in the medical profession, who is practicing, in partnership with his brother, Dr. Joseph L. Cooper, with offices located at 33-35 South Jefferson Street, was born Jan. 3, 1872, and is a native of Lawrence County. Up to the age of fourteen years his life was spent in Taylor township, his education being begun in its public schools. At that age he removed with his parents to New Castle, and from its schools advanced to the Grove City College of Grove City, Pa., where he remained until the spring of 1892. In the fall of that year he commenced the study of medicine, reading under the direction of his brother, Joseph L., until the fall of 1893, when he entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, and graduated from that institution March 25, 1896. He at once located with his brother in New Castle, and is assisting in building up a splendid practice. He is an exceptionally bright and intelligent young man,

and has borne and still bears the reputation of a hard student, whom no obstacles of whatever magnitude can deter from the path of patient and continued research in lines peculiar to his profession. He has won many friends and established quite a large clientele since his location in the city as one of the leading physicians. With the prestige for successful results that he has already gained his future looks particularly bright, and our best wishes go with him in his noblest of professions. Politically he is a Republican.

Dr. Cooper's great-grandfather, Robert Cooper, was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to this country about the year 1790, settling in Allegheny Co., Pa., where he reared his family and saw to it that they wanted nothing that would enable them to attain the highest manhood and womanhood. His son, James Cooper, was born in Allegheny County in 1796, and in 1843 moved to Lawrence County, where he died in 1861. He married Elizabeth McLester, who lived to be seventy-six years of age, and they became the parents of seven children, three boys and four girls.

The father of Dr. Edwin S., Robert Cooper, was the second son of James Cooper in order of birth, and first saw the light of day in 1823. He came from Allegheny County to Lawrence with his parents, and with his brother David bought a farm on Sheep Hill, just south of New Castle, paying \$10.00 per acre for the tract of 100 acres. This proved to be one of the very best investments that could be made, for the farm fortunately happened to overlay a bed of superior limestone of the best quality; up to the present time only about fifty acres have been

worked and quarried, leaving a large fortune yet to be extracted from the bowels of the earth. The farm is still in the hands of the Cooper family. Robert Cooper married Nancy A. Jackson, who, with the following children, survived him at his death in 1892: James H.; Elizabeth (Campbell); Leander; Dr. Joseph L., our subject's brother; Charles O.; Mary (Colwell); Mand (Davis); and our subject, Dr. Edwin S., whose portrait we take the greatest pleasure in presenting on a previous page.

JOHN N. RUBY is a prominent blacksmith of East Brook, Hickory township, Pa. He was born in Middle Lancaster, Butler County, Nov. 30, 1843. He attended the district school, and after completing the course of study found employment on a farm until 1864, when he obeyed the call of his bleeding country, and enlisted in Battery E, 2nd Pa. Art., attached to the 112th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., commanded by Col. Strawbridge. Mr. Ruby was severely wounded on the battle-field of Seven Pines. May 31, 1864, but did not leave his company, and bravely remained in the service of "Old Glory," until he was discharged under the general order at the cessation of hostilities.

On his return from the field of carnage, he began work in the trade of blacksmithing under the instruction of John Eppinger of Middle Lancaster, and the artilleryman became the artisan, and forthree years after he had learned his trade, lived at New Castle. Returning to Middle Lancaster, his early home, he remained there until

the spring of 1879, when he removed to East Brook, which has been his permanent location since. In 1871, having found a suitable partner, Mary Lehman, daughter of John Lehman of Middle Lancaster, accepted his hand and became his wife. The children, who constitute the household are: William H., born May 29, 1872; Alice J., June 8, 1874; Annie, now deceased, born March 29, 1876; Benjamin F., Feb. 19, 1878; Sadie J., Sept. 11, 1879; Catherine M., Aug. 21, 1881; and Harry J., April 23, 1887. In matters of religious interest, Mr. Ruby adheres to the faith of the German Reformed Presbyterian Church, while his wife and children have identified themselves with the M. E. Church. He is a member of Portersville Lodge, No. 909, I. O. O. F., of Portersville, Pa. William H., the eldest son, who learned his father's trade and is associated with him in business, is a member of the East Brook Cornet Band, a flourishing organization of six years growth, and one which is coming into public favor very rapidly. Father and son are Democrats. Mr. Ruby served as constable in Middle Lancaster, and as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Kelley of Butler Co.; William H. Ruby is at present an inspector of elections. Mr. Ruby has in his years of mechanical labor repaired and set up countless pieces of machinery, and by only turning out articles of the best workmanship has risen in his trade, and established a solid reputation in his line of business.

Henry Ruby, father of John N., received his education in the schools of Middle Lancaster, and on leaving school took up farming for a livelihood, and never changed his occupation. In political belief, he was a Whig, but later devoted

himself to the Democratic party. He selected his helpmeet in the person of Ruth A. Campbell, daughter of Henry Campbell. Interesting events in the family history are the births of these children: Robert, deceased; John N., whose name is the heading of this sketch; George W., who married Catherine Kerr of East Brook—two children came to bless their union, Nettie and Sarah; Mary, who became the wife of Christian Lehman of Middle Lancaster, and has a son, John; Leah, who married William Lutz, and bore the following children, Annie, Louisa, Agnes, Leah, George, William, and an infant; and Martha, deceased. The Ruby family belonged to the Lutheran Church. Henry Ruby died in 1861, aged sixty-one years, and Mrs. Ruby remained with her children until 1894, when she entered into rest at the age of seventy-nine.

John Ruby, the grandfather, was of English parentage, and after his emigration to America, he settled in Maryland, in the vicinity of Hagerstown, and finding the soil fruitful began its culture, continuing after his removal to Butler Co., Pa. He made a comfortable living, and was esteemed a prosperous man in his day. His views, politically, were in sympathy with those of the Whigs. In the War of 1812, he served with distinction, although in the ranks as a private. His wife was Maggie Bumgardner, who was brought from Germany by her parents in her infancy. Their children were: William; Henry, the father of John N.; James; John; Job; Mary; Elizabeth; Charity; Catherine; and Deborah. They were adherents of the Lutheran faith. Mrs. Ruby died in 1845, her husband surviving until 1873.

HENRY W. HAZEN, teller of the First National Bank of New Castle, was born in the city of his present residence July 7, 1868, and is a son of Henry Hazen and grandson of Henry Hazen, Sr. The Hazen line has been long established in America, and our subject can fully trace his ancestry through a long line to Edward Hazen, who came from England and settled in Rowley, Mass., in 1649. He buried his first wife, Elizabeth, Sept. 18, 1649. March 2, 1650, he married his second wife, Hannah Grant, daughter of Thomas Grant; Edward Hazen was buried in Rowley July 22, 1683. His fourth child and second son, Thomas, was born in Rowley Feb. 28, 1657, and died in Norwich, Conn., April 12, 1735. Soon after his father's death he moved to Boxford, and thence to Norwich, where his remaining years were spent; he lived at West Farms, which is now known as Franklin. In 1682 he married Mary Howlett, daughter of Thomas Howlett. The next in the line of descent, John Hazen, was born in 1683, and married Mercy Bradstreet, daughter of John and Sarah (Perkins) Bradstreet, and granddaughter of Governor Simon Bradstreet; she died July 25, 1725. John Hazen, Jr., the son of the foregoing, was born Feb. 21, 1711, married March 1, 1734, Deborah Peck of Lyme, Conn.; they reared ten children, five boys and five girls. Nathaniel, the second son, was born March 17, 1745, in Norwich, Conn., and died Nov. 3, 1835, in Beaver Co., Pa.; Nov. 27, 1767, he married Mary Pell in Lyme, Conn.; she was born Oct. 24, 1748, and died in 1834. He came to Wyoming Valley, Pa. He was in the Continental Army, and at the time of the massacres in Western Pennsylvania the family with many of the other settlers went for

safety to the colony of New Jersey. At the close of the war they came to Fort Pitt, afterwards Pittsburg, and later on went to Washington County. There in 1790, at the time of the Whiskey Insurrection, Nathaniel Hazen, after looking over the land carefully, purchased a tract in North Sewickley, Beaver County, to which he brought his family, and settled down for good, taking title in 1792 from the State of Pennsylvania. His death took place there in 1835. Nathan Hazen, his son, who is the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1786, and died in Slippery Rock township, this county, Feb. 23, 1866; he married Lavina Kendall, who died Aug. 26, 1846. Nathan was a staunch Whig. Our subject's grandfather was born March 4, 1800, in Slippery Rock township, Lawrence County, and departed this life Dec. 28, 1841; he married on March 21, 1833, Sarah Warnock, who was born May 30, 1815, and passed away April 25, 1885. They reared five boys. Mr. Hazen was a farmer by occupation.

Our subject's father was born in Shenango township, where he received a district school education. He had begun the study of pharmacy when the war broke out, but gave it up, and attempted to enlist in a Pennsylvania regiment, but was refused because of his youth. Somewhat disheartened by this rebuff he returned home, but did not give up the idea of joining the Union forces, for soon after he ran away and crossed over to Ohio, where he enlisted in the 2nd Reg. Ohio Vol. Cav. for a term of three years. After eighteen months of service he was discharged because of disability. He came home and pursued a course in the Iron City Business College of Pittsburg, and upon

the completion of the course he secured an appointment as accountant in the War Department, and was stationed at Louisville, Ky. He remained there until 1866, being the last man discharged from the department at that place. He then went into the drug business in New Castle for himself, and later associated himself in the same business with Mr. Hale, and then with Mr. Wilder; the last few years he ran the business alone, selling out in 1873, and going to St. Louis, Mo., as chief freight clerk for the Atlantic & Pacific R. R.; he was soon promoted to the traveling auditorship of the same road, and held that position at the time of his death. He lost his life in 1877 while saving the life of his friend, Chester L. White, in the terrible fire of the Southern Hotel of St. Louis. His wife, Lydia, daughter of S. Wilder of New Castle, died in 1871, aged twenty-six years, leaving two sons: Henry W., and Wilber H., who lives in Bartlett, Kansas.

Henry W. Hazen received his education in the schools of New Castle, Pa., and Taunton, Mass. At the age of sixteen years he went to Gardner, Mass., where he served his apprenticeship at chair-making, and revealed such remarkable aptitude that in two years he was in charge of one department. He then went to Middleboro, Mass., and worked in a shoe factory two years, after which he returned to New Castle, and later took on a course in the Iron City Business College. In 1890 he entered the First National Bank of New Castle as collecting clerk, and has now arisen to the position of teller.

In 1892 he married Hettie W. Briggs, daughter of Stillman Briggs of New Castle, and they have two children: Helen C., and Louis H. Mr.

Hazen and his family favor the Episcopal Church. He is a member of Penn Council, No. 420, of the Royal Arcanum, and is the secretary of the same. He is a member of the S. of V., O. L. Jackson Camp, No. 249, and has filled many of the chairs, and is very enthusiastic in working for the best interests of the organization. Mr. Hazen is also a member of and secretary of Rigel Court, No. 9, Tribe of Ben Hur. In politics he has always been an active Republican.



JAMES Y. PATTON, a prosperous and highly-respected farmer and poultry breeder of Hickory township, was born Nov. 3, 1860, on the farm which is now his residence and home. He is a son of Hugh B. and Elibabeth (Young) Patton, and grandson of William Patton, who was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and was one of the pioneer settlers of the farm that is now the property of his grandson, the subject of this brief biography. The country was then wild and uncultivated hereabouts and he cleared and put into tillable condition about 100 acres of land, and was highly thought of for his energetic qualities. He was a very prominent man in both political and religious circles of that day and place; he was a Whig in his political attachments, and held the office of supervisor; his religious views were those advanced and advocated by the United Presbyterian Church, in which organization he held at various times important offices. His death took place in the 60's. His wife, Jennie Braham, a native of Neshannock township (now Hickory), bore him seven

children, who are as follows: Hugh B.; John; Archibald; Samuel; Andrew; Agnes (Daniels); and Margaret (Vandergrift).

Hugh B. Patton secured his education in the schools of Hickory township, and then turned his attention to farming, which vocation he followed all of his life in Hickory township, being considered, like his father, a very prosperous and able man. He was a stanch Republican in his politics, and efficiently filled the offices of supervisor and school director. He married Elizabeth, daughter of David Young of Union township, and to our subject's parents were given eight children: Amanda J., deceased; David, deceased; William, who married Mary Reynolds of Hickory township, and has four children—Anna G., Velma A., Loy, and Alta B.; Riley M., deceased; James Y., the subject of this notice; Samuel B.; Anna J., deceased; and Jennie E., deceased. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Our subject's father departed this life June, 1886, aged sixty-six years. Our subject's mother fell into that last sleep which knows no waking May 7, 1873, when aged forty-four years, after twenty-three years of happy wedded life. Our subject has spent his whole life in Hickory township on the old homestead, where his boyhood years were spent, when he was engaged in acquiring those rudiments of an education that lie within the reach of every American youth. When he arrived at a suitable age he took up farming, and up to 1895 was engaged very successfully at his chosen vocation.

In 1895 he launched out into the wholesale raising of poultry, and he has met with marked results; he raises for sale some six or seven hundred chicks of the Wyandotte breed, and these

find a ready sale in the New Castle markets. Besides this he makes a specialty of filling orders for eggs of various kinds of blooded breeds, and is at all times ready to fill mail orders for any distance. He keeps the very best poultry, and has all the modern improvements for raising a hardy line of chicks. In politics he stanchly supports to the best of ability the Republican party. In December, 1883, he was joined in wedlock with Myra E. Young, daughter of Joseph Young of East Brook, and to them have been given four children: Jessie, born Feb. 28, 1885; Norman Y., Jan. 11, 1892; Clie E., now deceased, born Jan. 15, 1895; and Charley B., Sept. 15, 1896. Both Mr. and Mrs. Patton are members in the best of standing in the United Presbyterian Church of Neshannock.

CHARLES S. CLARK, proprietor of the Locust Grove Stock Farm of Hickory township, and a leading capitalist of the same township, was born March 17, 1844, and remained under the parental roof until he had acquired a sufficient education in the district schools of his native township to enable him to cope more intelligently than would otherwise have been the case with the many problems of life. When a young man he went to the oil districts of Pennsylvania, which were then coming into prominence and attracting many speculators, and engaged as a common laborer; after a while he was enabled to purchase with his accumulated savings what proved to be a very valuable oil claim, large in extent and wonderfully rich in promise, which

proved to be a veritable mint to Mr. Clark, who rapidly accumulated a fortune. He invested freely, with no thought but of a successful future and eventually became one of the largest owners of oil-wells in the vicinity where he was located. For twenty-two years, until 1890, he was engaged in the oil business, and finally relinquished his interests for large considerations, and came to what he has made the foremost stock farm in Lawrence County. This property he purchased in 1882, and it comprises 160 acres of valuable land, rich and fertile, adapted in every respect to general farming and to stockraising; since 1890 he has devoted most of his time and attention to the raising of fine, blooded horses for the markets; among the many very valuable animals which he has brought out and developed are the following with records: St. Vincent, 2:13½; Minnetonka, five years old, 2:29½; Goshen Maid, eight years, 2:24; Tornado Charm, four years, 2:24¼; and Perry Vincent, four years, 2:22¾; all of these are from the Wilkes family. Mr. Clark is one of the directors of the First National Bank, and has been a director in an Oil Trust. He is a Republican in politics, but has never been very actively interested.

In 1876, he was married to Louise Kennedy of Millerstown, Butler Co., Pa., and they have been blessed with one child, Richard. Mr. Clark is regarded as one of the most substantial business men of Lawrence County, and has the satisfaction of knowing that what he has accumulated has been by his own untiring industry and far-sighted judgment. He is a notable example of that type of man so popular to Americans, the self-made man.

His grandfather, George Clark, was born in

Eastern Pennsylvania, and settled in Mercer County about 1800, in what is now known as Washington township, Lawrence County; he was a farmer by occupation and followed kindred pursuits all of his life, and was considered a fairly prosperous man, who was able to live in comfort and to enjoy many of the good things of life. He was a Democrat in his views on political subjects, but never aspired to hold political office. He married a Miss Jordan, who was born in Washington township, and to him and his wife were born a large family of children, of whom the father of our subject, John Clark, was the third in seniority. They were Presbyterians in their religious faith. Our subject's grandfather died in 1877, aged seventy-five years, and was followed ten years later by his wife at the age of eighty-two years.

John Clark was born in Washington township, and attended the schools there until he reached manhood's estate, when he became a farmer, and very successfully followed the pursuits of agriculture all the years of his active period, his death taking place in 1877, when he was aged fifty-five years. He married Lucinda Palmer, a daughter of John Palmer, and to them were given four children: James W., who married a Miss Rodgers of Plain Grove township, and has six children—Lewis, Cassius, Nettie, Mary, and Clara; Charles S., of whom this biography is written; Sylvester, who married a Miss Maxwell of Erie Co., Pa.; Melissa, who married W. H. Caswell of New Castle, Pa., and has two children, Anna and Charles. They were Methodists in their religious views and affiliations. Our subject's mother, at the age of seventy-seven years, still survives her husband.

ALEXANDER McCONAGHY, a substantial and successful farmer of Hickory township, Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in County Derry, Ireland, Sept. 17, 1812, in the Parish of Ballytaugh, and received his education in the parish schools of his native place; after obtaining a common school education, he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until 1832, when at twenty years of age he came to America, landing in New York City, June 6, 1832, having set sail in April of the previous spring. He remained in New York City ten years working at shoemaking, and then in 1842 moved to Pittsburg, Pa., and made that city his home until 1844, when he came to his present place of residence in Hickory township, which was then a part of Mercer County. At the first, to provide himself a home, he bought twenty acres of unimproved land at \$10 per acre, to which he added from time to time as his finances allowed him, until he is now the owner of 100 acres of the best land to be found in the county; much of the land was purchased in its virgin state, and Mr. McConaghy has been put to much pains and no little labor to evolve the present well-ordered farm, which shows in every particular the taste, good judgment and the enterprise of its owner. He is progressive in his ideas, is always well-acquainted with the most recent and best methods that have been introduced into the realm of agriculture and he is never slow in the adoption of a really serviceable article or method. Our subject has been a valued member of society, and he is held in the highest esteem by his contemporaries.

William McConaghy, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer and followed that occupation throughout a long and useful career till the

failing health, which is incident to old age, forced him to retire from active service in the field. He married Mary Moore, and to them were born three children: John, the father of Alexander; Alexander, who married Elizabeth Smith, and died in Ireland; and Mary, who married Hugh Kearney, and also died in Ireland. They were Unitarians and Covenanters in their religious attachments.

John McConaghy, in addition to farming, to which the most of his years was given, was also an adept in the preparation of the flax for the manufacture of Irish linens, and found profitable employment in the manufactories of linens for many years. He married a daughter of William Stunkard, and their union was blessed with the birth of five children: Conley; Alexander, the subject of this memoir; William; John; and Sarah (Patersoh). All of the children came to America, and made homes for themselves. Our subject's father died in 1820, owing to an accident in a flax-mill, aged thirty-nine years. The family were regular and devout attendants of the Unitarian Church.

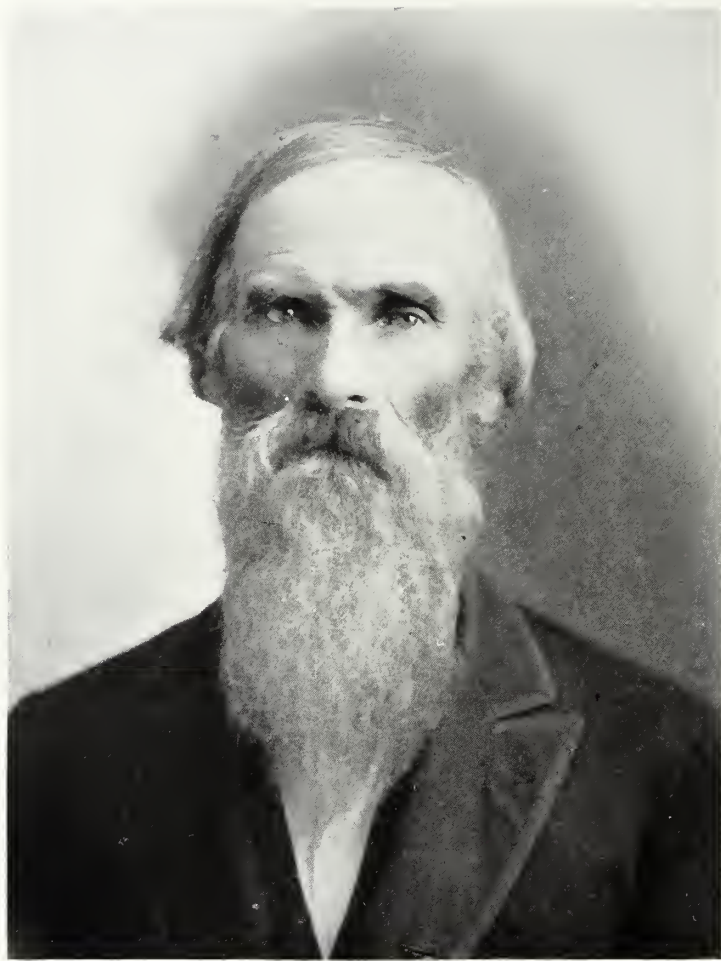
In 1839, the marriage ceremony was performed which united Alexander McConaghy and Jane Murphy, also a native of County Derry, Ireland. Mrs. McConaghy was born Jan. 23, 1817. Their union has happily resulted in the following children: John, who married Margaret Carr, and lives in Hickory township, surrounded by the following children—Alexander, Nannie, Jennie, Lewis, William, Florence, Roy, Norman, and Nellie; Conley, who married Josephine Young of East Brook, Hickory township, this county, and has the children named below—Charley, Effie, Lester, Jennie, Joseph, Ernest and Alfred;

William, who married Martha Young, who has borne him children as follows—Frank, Mabel, Ethel and Oscar; Mary; James; and Lizzie. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Hickory township. In matters political, Mr. McConaghy is liberal and independent in his actions, voting for whatever candidates seem best suited to fill satisfactorily the offices for which they are nominated.

SAMUEL McCREARY, whom we feel it our duty to place among the most successful and representative agriculturists of Hickory township, was born in the above township, which was then a part of Neshannock, in the month of June, 1833.

Our subject's grandfather, also named Samuel McCreary, came to this country from his native place in Lancaster Co., Pa., with his wife in 1802, and settled in that part of Mercer County which is now a part of Lawrence County. He followed farming, and also raised cattle for market and indulged in other allied occupations until his failing powers demanded that he seek rest from his arduous work; his death took place in 1858, when he was aged eighty years. He worked hard and late with an industry that is seldom seen or even equalled, and he would be considered well-to-do to-day, for he owned upwards of six hundred acres of valuable land. He was a Whig in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. She bore him ten children, as follows: Enoch; Betsey; Thomas; Sarah; Findlay; William; Jane; Margaret; Nancy; and Martha.





ROBERT McKNIGHT.

Enoch McCreary received his education in the customary manner, chiefly in the winter months, in Neshannock township, and became a farmer at an early age; this occupation he steadfastly followed all the period of his life in Hickory township on the farm now owned by George Young. Politically, he was first a Whig and then a Republican. He married Margaret Pierson, daughter of Samuel Pierson, and to Mr. and Mrs. McCreary were given eight children: Pierson; Belinda; Samuel; Sarah; William; James; John; and Enoch. They were Methodists in their views on matters of a religious nature. The father passed away in March, 1856, aged fifty-three years, and the mother remained at the head of the family until July, 1885, when she was also called home to join those gone before at the age of eighty-six years.

Samuel McCreary, our subject, was educated in the schools of Hickory township, and his entire life, which has been devoted to general farming, has been passed in the township of his birth. Ever since the organization of the Citizens' National Bank of New Castle, he has been one of its directors. He has always voted the Republican ticket, and was elevated to the position of school director, where he so far distinguished himself as a man of excellent judgment, that he was rewarded with thirteen and a half years of office in that capacity. The family are regular attendants of the M. E. Church.

In 1857, Mr. McCreary married Elizabeth McDowell, daughter of Abel McDowell of Hickory township, and the union was blessed with six children: Emma J., who married Dr. W. L. Smith of New Wilmington, Pa., and has three children, Genevieve, Sam, and Gula; Mary A.,

who married J. E. Duff, a druggist of New Castle, and has one child, Dorothy; Margaret, who married Thomas W. Houston of Hickory township, and has borne him two children, Victor A. and Edwin; Edwin, who married Mary Riber of Hickory township, by whom he had two children, Norman and Kenneth King; and two that died in infancy.

ROBERT McKNIGHT, a prosperous agriculturist of Hickory township, was born in the above township April 17, 1832. His father, John McKnight, came to this country from County Derry, Ireland, in 1811, and worked at first in New York City; later he settled on a farm, in 1825, where his son now resides, taking the land in its virgin state, and by many improvements bringing it into an excellent state of cultivation, thus acquiring an excellent reputation as an enterprising and successful farmer of his day. He was well-read and well-informed and profited by his large experience in life to advance his own private interests and to contribute intelligently to the growth and prosperity of Lawrence County. He was a Democrat in his political tendencies. He married Mary E. Smith, daughter of John Smith of old Virginia stock; she was born in Beaver Co., Pennsylvania. Ten children blessed their union, namely: Mary; Elizabeth, who married William Chaffer of East Brook, who had five children—Hannah, Mary, Jennie, Martha, and John; David S., who married Elizabeth J. Brown, of Harlansburg, Pa., and their children were—William J., Joseph, David S., Mary, Sarah, Thomas J., and Lizzie; John, de-

ceased; Hugh, who married Margaret Robinson, who bore him—Alice M., John, William R., Joseph, Jesse D.; James P., deceased; Joseph and Robert, twins, the latter is the subject of this sketch, the former married Sarah McConaghy of East Brook and has two children—Jane H. and Eva L.; Hannah; and William S., deceased. They were esteemed members and active workers of the United Presbyterian Church.

Robert McKnight was educated in the district schools of Neshannock township (now called Hickory), and when his days as a pupil were over, he himself wielded the birch and imparted instruction in the good, old-fashioned way for a number of terms in the schools in the vicinity of his home. He then learned carpentering as a trade, which he followed until 1861, since which time he has given his whole attention to agricultural pursuits, the homestead which was his father's yielding him a handsome profit each year for his labors. He is a public-spirited citizen, and has always kept alive an intelligent interest in whatever pertained to the good of the educational interests of the township or county. He is outspoken in his endorsement of the aims and principles as advocated in the platform of the Democratic party, and consistently votes for that party's nominees. He has officiated as school director, and has also held several other offices. In regard to his religious preferences and likewise those of his family, it may be said that they are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1857 occurred the marriage ceremony which united Mr. McKnight and Nancy J. Campbell for life; she was a daughter of Robert and Drusilla Campbell, who were residents of

Hickory township: Eleven children have blessed their household: James M.; Mary; Emily E.; Drusilla; Lizzie, who married J. W. Hamilton of Plain Grove township, and has three children—Grace, George, and Jay; John; Flora; Martha; Robert; Charley, deceased; and Belle. Mr. McKnight is an upright citizen, highly esteemed in the community, and exerts his wide influence in the promotion of its best interests. In connection with the foregoing outline of Mr. McKnight's life, we present his portrait on a preceding page.

WILLIAM BARNES, a leading farmer and prominent citizen, occupying a fine homestead in Hickory township, Lawrence County, has been a resident of the county for the greater part of the period from 1861 to the present date. He comes of good old Irish stock, and was born in County Down, Ireland, March 6, 1830. Thomas Barnes, his father, followed farming as an occupation throughout his younger years and until he was well advanced in years, when he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, and thereafter to the end of his days was identified with legitimate trade. His standard of life was high and exalted in character, and nobly did he obey the command of his Heavenly Father to be "an example to all men; his honesty and uprightness of purpose which distinguished his dealings detracted in no way from his popularity, for there were few men who were so popular and well-liked in his neighborhood; to the poor and needy and to all who were in distress and

trouble, he was an ever-present friend, comforting the broken-hearted, and solacing those who refused to be comforted, and never withholding of his abundance to relieve a case of want and distress. His death was mourned by everyone who had had a chance to know him and to appreciate his gentlemanly qualities; it was caused by his readiness to act as peace-maker between two parties to a feud, the knife that was intended by one combatant to put his opponent hors du combat penetrated a vital spot in Mr. Barnes, and he died instantly. When a man lays down his life for a friend, the world justly calls it one of the most generous of acts; but on the other hand how much greater is the magnanimity that prompts one to risk his life in an affair not his own in an endeavor to prevent quarreling and probable bloodshed. His wife was Jane Boyd, daughter of James Boyd of County Down, Ireland, and to them were born six children: James, who married Annie Annesley of County Downs, and died in Ireland; William, our subject; Annie; Margaret, who married Henry Wolfe of Pittsburg, Pa., and has six children: Thomas, Jane, Charles, William, Sherman, and Madison; and Isabelle, deceased. They were connected with the Unitarian Church. Our subject's father came to his death in the manner already stated in 1839, at the age of forty-one years; his wife survived him until 1847, when she went to join the invisible throng of spirits that inhabit the border-land, being aged at her decease forty-eight years.

William Barnes came to America in 1848, and settled in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa., where he worked in the construction and repair of telegraph lines, an industry then in its earliest in-

fancy. He remained in that connection until 1861, when he came to Hickory township, and settled on the farm he now owns and occupies, which he purchased from William Alexander, who was a pioneer settler of the country. Since that time, Mr. Barnes has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, which have proved very profitable to him; from 1883 to 1893 he was a resident of Brownwood, Brown Co., Texas, where he was engaged in farming. He is a man who stands well in his community, has been school director two terms, but, while willing to aid by every means in his power in furthering what are considered the best interests of the township, he has steadily refused to become an office-seeker. In politics, he inclines toward Republican principles, and has supported that party ever since the candidacy of Gen. John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder of the Rockies," for whom he cast his first vote as an American citizen. He is a man of great force of character, has decided views and opinions, and is not afraid to maintain what he believes to be right in all places and under all circumstances.

He was joined in matrimony, in 1857, with Martha (Stuart) Macklin, daughter of John Stuart of County Antrim, Ireland, and widow of Thomas Macklin, by whom she had two children: Margaret J., who married Robert Patten of Mahoning township, this county and has five children, John, William, Robert, James, and Stuart; and Thomas J., who died in infancy. Mr. Barnes and his estimable wife are the parents of seven children, five of whom survive, namely: Anna, who married Thomas Matthew of County Antrim, Ireland, and now lives in Union township with a family of four children—Lillie, Sadie,

Martha, and William; Mary, who married Presley Bell, a native of the State of Georgia, and now a resident of Mahoning township—they have four children, Martha, William, Walter, and Mabel; Martha, who married Hosea Porter, a native of Texas, and had one child, Hosea, now deceased; William T., a minister of the Disciples faith in Wellington, Ohio; Isabel, deceased; John, deceased; and Jane, deceased. Religiously, the family are members in excellent standing in the Disciples Church.

GEORGE W. HARTMAN, treasurer of the Neshannock Sheet & Tin Plate Co., and also of the Norway Iron & Steel Co. of New Castle, Pa., was born in Pittsburgh April 20, 1839, and is a son of Henry Hartman and a grandson of Jacob Hartman. His grandfather, Jacob Hartman, came to the United States in 1802, and settled in Pittsburgh, where he and his wife Anna Maria (Martin) died at about the age of seventy-five years.

Henry Hartman was born in France December 14, 1799, in the village of Quigney, which is most delightfully situated on the River Doubs, twelve miles from Besancon. At about the age of three he came to this country with his parents, and upon becoming of age embarked in the foundry business in Pittsburgh. He was associated with Mr. Stackhouse under the firm name of Stackhouse & Hartman, and was engaged in that business at the time of his decease. Their works turned out the machinery for one of the large mills in New Castle. His death took place in 1850. He married Magda-

lene Friesel in 1825. She was the daughter of Matthias and Ann Maria Friesal of Dauphin Co., Pa., who came to Pittsburgh in 1809. She died in Pittsburgh in 1885 at the ripe old age of 85 years. Their children were named as follows: Jacob, deceased; Henry, now in Philadelphia; John, a resident of Allegheny; Samuel, also a resident of that city; George W., our subject; Margaret; Mary M.; and Sarah E.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and in Duff's Commercial College of that city. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Co. B, 77th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland; he was mustered out in November, 1864. After returning home he engaged with Reis, Brown & Berger as bookkeeper of the Shenango Iron Works of New Castle, and remained with that company for thirteen years. In 1885 he entered the employ of Geo. W. Johnson of the Arethusa Iron Works, which concern has now been succeeded by the Neshannock Sheet & Tin Plate Co. He is a stockholder in and treasurer of this company, and of the Norway Iron & Steel Co. For thirty-three years he has been connected with the iron business.

Mr. Hartman was married in 1870 to Asenath McConnell, daughter of Capt. Thomas McConnell of Lawrence County, and they have had four children, whose names in order of birth are: Malcolm M.; Magdalene J.; Arethusa; and Thomas H. Malcolm died August 23, 1896, aged 25. Mr. Hartman is a Republican in politics. He is an elder in the First United Presbyterian Church of New Castle, and his family are all members of that congregation.

REV. JOSEPH FRANCIS GALLAGHER, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Castle, Pa., was born Jan. 3, 1844, in the North of Ireland. In the early part of 1849, he came to America with his parents, who selected the city of Philadelphia, Pa., as the place of their future home in the New World. The subject of this sketch pursued his early education at St. Joseph's College, then a renowned institution of learning in that city. Aspiring to the priesthood, his parents, in 1861, sent him to St. John's University, Frederick City, Md., to begin his ecclesiastical studies, under the guidance of the Jesuit Fathers.

In 1864 the late Civil War assumed gigantic proportions. Frederick City and vicinity became the scene of active strife between the two armies. Three different times did the Confederate flag float over the city and three times was the city reclaimed by the Union troops. In one of these engagements at Frederick Junction, over seven hundred wounded were left on the battle-field, uncared for and without nurses, as all communication had been cut off with Baltimore and Washington. In this emergency, Mr. Gallagher and the other advanced students volunteered their services to care for the sick and wounded, until aid should come from the East or North. For weeks, day and night, these young men labored with heroic zeal, administering to the wants of the wounded, nor would they accept of any remuneration for their services. In their efforts to alleviate the sufferings of others, they overlooked their powers of endurance, impaired their health and many a one contracted a lingering illness which necessitated an interruption of their studies.

Our subject was one of the number. By the advice of his physician he returned to his home in Philadelphia for rest and medical treatment. After a brief interval, his health having improved, the president of St. Joseph's College offered him a position as teacher of the Classics, which he accepted and filled with success to the entire satisfaction of the faculty of that institution for two years. He then resumed his theological studies at St. Michael's Seminary in Pittsburgh and was ordained priest by Rt. Rev. M. Domenec, D.D., Bishop of Pittsburg diocese, Jan. 11, 1873. His first mission was to Altoona as assistant to the Very Rev. John Tuigg, then the beloved pastor of St. John's congregation, afterwards Bishop of the Pittsburgh diocese. His next appointment was to the pastorate of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Dudley, Huntingdon Co., Pa. Here he labored with success for over two years.

On the 6th day of February, 1879, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Congregation, New Castle, Pa., a position he has acceptably filled up to the present time.

HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S CONGREGATION.

As early as 1831, Catholic priests from Pittsburgh began visiting New Castle, to administer to the spiritual wants of the few scattered Catholic families residing in this vicinity. A Mr. Doran appears to have been the pioneer member of that faith in the county. He died and was buried near New Bedford in the year 1810. Nicholas Brian, who came to America with Gen. Lafayette, a Catholic, and fought under his command during the Revolutionary War, selected the neighborhood of Mt. Jackson as his home,

after the cessation of hostilities, and was wont, later, to attend mass at the house of James Mooney, who lived about a mile north of Mt. Jackson, whenever a Catholic priest favored them with a visit. The construction of the Beaver Canal brought a few Catholic families to New Castle and thus formed the nucleus of the present congregation. The following are the names of the Catholic priests who administered to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of New Castle and vicinity:

Rev. Father Rafferty in 1831; Father Garland in 1836; Father Gibbs in 1840; Father McCullough, 1843; Father Reid, 1845; Father Garvey, 1854; Father O'Farrell, 1856; Father Farran, 1860; Father Walsh, 1862; Father Canevin, 1863; Father Hayes, 1871; Father Gallagher, 1879. In 1852 Rev. Father Reid erected a frame church, 20x40 feet, in what is now known as West New Castle. Here the Catholics worshipped until their increased membership called for a more spacious edifice. In 1865 Father Canevin secured the lot on the corner of Beaver and North Streets, from the Crawford estate for \$4,000, and began the erection of a \$15,000 brick church, 110 by 45 feet. Father Canevin was succeeded by Father Hayes, who completed the building.

About this time New Castle was enjoying a season of prosperity and Father Hayes felt justified in making extensive improvements. He erected a handsome school building, which compares favorably with any of the public schools in the city, at an expense of \$8,000; purchased a pastoral residence for \$5,500; secured sixty acres of land in Union township for \$6,000 for a cemetery. Had the prosperous times continued,

doubtless St. Mary's Congregation would have liquidated all these claims, but the panic of 1873 bore heavily on New Castle; the iron works closed down; and Father Hayes saw his parish decimated by the departure of his people seeking employment elsewhere, leaving him and the few who remained on the verge of bankruptcy. When Father Gallagher assumed charge, he found the financial condition of the congregation in a most deplorable state. The cemetery property had been disposed of by the sheriff. The household goods of the pastoral residence had been offered at public sale. The church property was mortgaged almost to its full value. Some of the improvements were paid for by loans, bearing a high rate of interest. Undismayed by these surroundings the new pastor began the task of rescuing the parish from its financial embarrassment. Aided by the generous co-operation of his people and the kind encouragement given him by his non-Catholic friends, after years of toil, he has succeeded in placing the credit of the parish on a higher basis than it had previously occupied.

St. Mary's congregation consisted of one thousand souls when Father Gallagher was appointed pastor. To-day it numbers over three thousand souls, and both pastor and people look forward with pleasing anticipations to the time when a magnificent church edifice shall ornament the beautiful church lot on Beaver and North Streets.

Father Gallagher and a party of 430 tourists visited the Holy Land in 1895, and had a trip extending over three months, and fraught with many pleasant and instructive experiences. Our subject is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, who

is sure to create a favorable impression in whatever surroundings he is placed as a true Christian, who thoroughly believes in the Brotherhood of Man. He is a man of much more than ordinary ability and we feel that we are but conservative in attributing the present condition of the Catholic Society and its position among the other religious bodies of Lawrence County, chiefly to his efforts.



SOLOMON HOFFMASTER, deceased, whose demise was mourned in 1886, occupied a prominent place among the progressive and successful farmers of Mahoning township. He was ushered upon the stage of life in Mahoning Co., Ohio, in the year 1827, and was a son of honest and thrifty German parents, George and Catherine (Eutler) Hoffmaster.

George Hoffmaster was born in the Fatherland, where he followed the occupation of a farmer until he came to this country, continuing in that vocation after his arrival on this side of the Atlantic, and his settlement in Lancaster Co., Pa. He afterwards moved to Springfield township, Mahoning Co., Ohio, purchased a tract of 110 acres, and built a log-house, where he died at the age of eighty-five. He was in his life-time married twice. His first wife bore him thirteen children: Philip; John; Joseph; Christie; Godlop; Elizabeth; Mary; Christina; Jacob; John (2); and three, who died in infancy. For his second helpmeet he married Catherine Eutler, and to them were given nine children: David; Jonas; Parker, who died in childhood; Michael, who

died in youth; Solomon; Levi; Catherine; Rachel; and Lydia Ann. It is a fact well worth recording in this connection that every one of these children, who grew to be adults, became very prosperous in worldly goods, and were men and women of influence in their respective communities.

Solomon Hoffmaster was endowed with as much education as the country schools of a pioneer district could then afford. As a step towards an independent life he learned the carpenter's trade. Marrying Anna Koch he managed the home place for six years, at the end of which period he came into Mahoning township, Lawrence Co., Pa., and bought the Cook farm, now owned by William Duff. For six years that place continued to be his home, and then he purchased and removed to the George Henley farm, once called the Rev. Whitten Place, of forty-seven acres. This estate still continues to be the home of the Hoffmaster family, the farm work being superintended and administered by Guy C., one of the younger sons. Finding the buildings somewhat run down and in sad need of repairs, our subject remodeled them and inaugurated a series of improvements that resulted in making his property one of the best appearing as well as productive farms in Lawrence County. A fine barn was built in response to the increased needs of the place, and outbuildings added from time to time. After years and years of hard work Mr. Hoffmaster's rugged constitution failed him, and for seven years prior to his death paralysis held its heavy restraining hand on him. He was fifty-nine years of age when he passed away. His widow survives him, living on the homestead with her son, Guy C. She was a daughter

of Martin and Susanna' (Shriner) Koch, both of whom were natives of Wittenberg, Germany. When Martin Koch was seventeen years of age he came to this country and found a home in Unity township, Mahoning Co., Ohio. He followed farming in that vicinity, and died when about fifty years old, his wife reaching very nearly the same age. Their children were: Daniel; Elizabeth; Martin, Jr.; Susanna; Leah; Christina; Anna; Sarah; Mary; Samuel; David; Solomon; and Rosanna, who died when a child of five years.

These are the children born to Solomon Hoffmaster and his wife: Celesta Jane, the wife of Freeman L. Stacy of Ohio and the mother of seven children—Edward, Clark, Harry, Raymond, George, Lucy, and Nellie; William Henry of Colorado, who married Ada Brecount and has four children—Frank, Helen, Hulda, and William Brecount; Albert M., who married Lizzie Williams; Lucy, the wife of N. P. Patterson, and the mother of three children—Ocie E., Anna M., and Gertrude; May; Ella, who became the wife of Clarence M. Duff, and who has borne him two little ones—Walter W. and Lillie E.; Harry E., a teacher, who was graduated from the Slippery Rock State Normal School in 1895; Lillie; Emma; Guy C., and Anna Marie. Solomon Hoffmaster was a true and loyal citizen, taking a lively and abiding interest in whatever concerned the public good. He followed the teachings of the Republican party from true convictions, based upon an actual study of political conditions. At one time and another he held the positions of assessor, constable, and school director. He willingly and cheerfully gave of his time and means to religious matters, and

was faithful in his membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Guy C. Hoffmaster was born on the homestead, of which he has now the charge, Aug. 4, 1872. He attended the home schools, and finished his education with a practical course at the New Castle Business College. He was graduated from this institution on June 1, 1893, and at once assumed full control of the home farm. He early learned the value of time and applied effort, and is proving a worthy successor to his father. In the management of the farm he shows rare skill and judgment, and in all business affairs is keen, accurate and upright. On account of his pleasant social ways he has the friendship and esteem of all who know him.

CHARLES L. REYNOLDS, a tinsmith and slate-roofer of New Castle, was born in New Castle May 11, 1857, and is a son of William H. and Susan H. (Squier) Reynolds, and a grandson of Joseph Reynolds, who married a Miss Inbody, who was of German origin. Our subject's great-grandfather, Josiah Reynolds, was one of three brothers who came from England during the last century, and displayed exceptional business abilities, all accumulating comfortable fortunes. Joseph Reynolds went into business on the Diamond in 1834, and was enabled to retire late in life with the reputation of a successful business man.

William H. Reynolds learned the trade of a tin and copper smith in Mercer County when a young man, and labored at smithing the remain-

der of the active period of his life. He was a Democrat to the backbone, as are his sons; he served as president of the select council for the city of New Castle, as school director and as poor director. Under President Buchanan's administration he served as postmaster. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and of Fidelity Lodge, F. & A. M. He was married in New Castle to Susan H. Squier, who was born in the above-mentioned city April 10, 1823, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Hudson) Squier. Anthony Squier was born on the site of New Castle Jan. 18, 1796, and in the early days of the settlement kept a tavern in a log building on Jefferson Street, which building was one of the best and most substantial of any of the structures of New Castle at that time. He died Feb. 27, 1837. He was a son of James and Lydia (Reynolds) Squier. James Squier was a soldier of the Revolution, enlisting at the age of eighteen May 28, 1778, at Monmouth, N. J.; he received a pension from the government in his old age. He was born in England Jan. 7, 1760, and died in 1848 in New Castle. Mary Hudson, our subject's grandmother on his mother's side, was a daughter of Capt. William and Susanna (Gray) Hudson. Capt. William Hudson's first wife was Agnew Rutherford. He was a son of John Hudson, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1698, and came to America in 1730, settling in Chester Co., Pa., later moving to Dauphin County of the same State. He took part in the French and Indian War. To our subject's parents were born five children, as follows: Mary, who married T. J. Garvin, who is engaged in the livery business on Apple Alley, New Castle; they have seven children; Grace died in infancy;

Addie; Charles L., the subject of this brief biography; William H., Jr., married Ella Brown, now deceased, and is the father of one child.

Our subject received his education in his native place, and took up the trade of a tinner, serving the required apprenticeship with his father; after his parent's death he remained at the old stand in the same business, and has also added another branch, that of slate-roofing. He married Anna Gaston, daughter of Philo Gaston of New Castle, and there were born to them five children, who are: Frank; Joseph; and Mary Etta; Jean and an infant both died in infancy.

WILLIAM D. McCLUSKY, an enterprising young citizen of Pulaski, is the station-agent on the Erie Railroad, in charge of the office at the village named above. His people have lived in Lawrence County for a good many years, and he was born in Pulaski township on Dec. 25, 1871. He is a son of John and Mary J. (Davidson) McClusky, the former of Pulaski township, and the latter a native of Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. McClusky had his educational training in the schools of his native place, and in 1889 was drawn toward the study of telegraphy, which he finally mastered by diligent work in the same office which he now occupies as agent, his promotion coming in the succeeding year. He is an industrious, capable young man, and has enlarged his legitimate duties to include those that arise from being the agent for Wells, Fargo Express Co. As a young man in the employ of a great railway system he will no doubt seize every

chance of advancement, at the same time violating no confidence reposed in him as the occupant of a position of trust. In 1893 he won the affections of Hattie J. Espy, daughter of Frank A. Espy of West Middlesex, Pa., a bright young lady of many accomplishments and excellent points, and she consented to share his fortunes for better or for worse, and to bear his name. Two children gladden their home—Margery and Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. McClusky are decided in their preference for the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McClusky's father, John McClusky, went to school in Pulaski township after which he began farming, and continued that mode of life until 1887, when he was elected constable and tax collector, and he has since served in those capacities without interruption. Mr. McClusky is a firm believer in Republican theories of political life, and has served on the county committee. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge of the Craft, No. 433 of New Castle, and is also counted in the membership of the Chenango Valley Lodge, No. 129, A. O. U. W., of Pulaski. In 1865 his nuptials with Mary J. Davidson, daughter of John M. and Mary Davidson of Cumberland Co., Pa., were celebrated. Four children came to constitute their family—Altha M., who married William S. Hopper, now of Allegheny, Pa.; Laurretta J., wedded to T. H. Jewell, a druggist of Pulaski township, and the mother of a son, Arthur, and a daughter, Mildred; William D., the subject of this sketch; and F. Roy, who lives at home. To the great sorrow of the family Mrs. McClusky's life terminated on June 3, 1894, at forty-nine years of age.

Joseph McClusky, the paternal grandsire of

our subject, lived in Pulaski township, where he tilled the fertile soil for his daily bread. He learned tailoring, but spent the greater part of his life on the farm, where he attained a degree of prosperity and was regarded as a very successful and wide-awake agriculturist. He belonged to the Whig party originally, but at the advent of the Republican party he transferred his whole allegiance to the new power in the political world, and cast his first vote as an adherent of that party for John C. Fremont. He was for a considerable period a member of the township board of trustees. His wife was a daughter of William Holtz of Beaver Co., Pa., and their offspring was named: William H.; John; Robert; David H.; Ella J.; and a babe, demised. According to the traditions of the family they were Presbyterians in religious belief. At the close of her life in 1879 Mrs. McClusky's years numbered sixty-seven, and her husband's age was the same at his death in 1881.

Going back one generation farther, John McClusky, the great-grandfather of William D., was born in Chester Co., Pa., and grew up to be a farmer. He lived for some time in Washington County and later removed to Pulaski, where he was one of the pioneers. He was a hard-working man, cleared his own farm, and became well-to-do. He served in the War of 1812 as a private, and in National affairs was a Whig. His wife, Margaret Black, was a native of Pulaski township, and these children gathered under the roof-tree: Robert, James, Samuel, William, Nellie, Joseph, Isaac, Alexander, Mary, and Elizabeth. They were of the Presbyterian faith. Mr. McClusky's life was finished in 1850, and his good wife survived him six years.



WILLIAM BROWN.

WILLIAM BROWN. Lawrence County, although not including coal-mining as one of her chief industries and sources of wealth, for she is not so favorably situated as some of her sister counties in that respect, and depending mainly on her surpassing agricultural and manufacturing interests for her excellent showing, yet has no small number of mines and banks still untouched. Without doubt the largest and best conducted mine in the county is the one at Chewton in the southern part of Wayne township, which the P. & W. Co. operates. The mine is only a three-foot vein but is advantageously worked by means of an incline; it is situated on the bluffs above Chewton. The mines were put in operation and have since been superintended by William Brown, the subject of this biography, whose acquaintance with mines and mining methods is unsurpassed by that of anyone in this region. The P. & W. Co. was indeed fortunate in obtaining the services of such a mining expert, for if there is any success to be had in the development of a mine, he is the one to find it and secure it.

The gentleman named above was born in Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 10, 1844, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Potter) Brown, who were both natives of Dudley, England, and tenants on the estate of the Earl of Dudley. The father of Elizabeth Potter was a mine operator, leasing his mine from the Earl of Dudley; it was practically equivalent to being a mine owner in this country, for, as everyone knows, in the Old Country there are very few men of small holdings, and nearly everybody leases from the landed proprietor who is generally found in the ranks of the nobility. Thus Mr. Potter was in

very comfortable circumstances and gave his children all the advantages that could be readily obtained where he lived at that time. His father was a soldier in the British Army under the Duke of Wellington, at Waterloo, as was also our subject's grandfather, Brown. William Brown's father, Thomas, mentioned before, was a lad of about seven years when that decisive victory over the French took place, which sent the ambitious world-conqueror to the Island of St. Helena, and he remembered well the talk of the victory and the fact that his father was a participant. From that tender age he began working in the mines, and his whole life was devoted to that industry. Thomas Brown emigrated with his family from England about 1837 or 1838, settling first in Nova Scotia, where he remained a few years, but he was not taken with the country and the climate was too cold to please him. Coming from there to New York, via the Boston & Fall River route, he shortly afterwards settled near Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he had charge of extensive mines, and where our subject was born. Later he moved to Lock Haven, Pa., where he resided a few years, going from there to Irving Station, and thence to Freeport, located on the Allegheny River, where he was prominent in mining circles, and accumulated a comfortable competency in real estate and other property. Intending to spend his declining years among his kinsfolk in Nova Scotia, he sold his property in Pennsylvania and in 1866 moved to that British province. He found, however, that he could not live contented on the Queen's soil, for he was not in harmony with the institutions of the Dominion, having become a naturalized citizen of the United

States, and a true sympathizer of the "Stars and Stripes." On his return to the States he settled at Leetonia, Ohio, which place continued to be his home until his death in 1873 at the age of sixty-four.

Our subject lived in Schuylkill County until he was eight years of age, when his parents moved to Lock Haven, remaining there a few years and eventually going to Irving Station and finally taking up their residence in Freeport. In all of these places he attended the common schools, and finished his education at the age of sixteen, thereupon becoming a mine-worker, commencing at the lowest station and working his way to the top. When nearly of age, Mr. Brown enlisted in Co. C, 14th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., under Col. McCombs, serving one year in the emergency. The bloody battle of Antietam was the only one in which his regiment participated during its year of service, it being employed the rest of the time in chasing the enemy from point to point, but never succeeding in bringing on an engagement more than a slight skirmish. He was mustered out at Harrisburg at the close of the war.

Resuming the work and duties of civilian life, Mr. Brown removed with his parents to Nova Scotia, where he at once took a prominent part in the mining industry, and, according to the regulations of the company and the laws of the Dominion, became a member of the militia company stationed there. He was offered an officer's commission, but refused it, for he was only obliged to spend one-seventh the time as a private as he would have as an officer. When his parents again removed to the States at the end of a year, Mr. Brown remained behind four

months longer, as the wages he was receiving were quite remunerative, and he did not know just how soon he might do as well in his native country. When he finally did come back to this country, he settled with his parents at Leetonia, which continued to be his home for many years.

From his boyhood up Mr. Brown has taken an intense interest in mining, a taste that was largely hereditary, for his ancestors for a number of generations in both branches of the family had looked to mining as the means of supporting themselves and family; so it was natural that when choosing his walk in life he selected that to which he was the best adapted by birth and training. His knowledge has been gained by experience in all the grades of work, and also from the best works on practical mining, written by men whose authority in such matters is supreme. Our subject is known as one of the most efficient experts in mining matters in the Ohio Valley, being called into consultation when new mines are to be opened and old ones are to undergo development in new directions. When it was decided by the B. & O. and P. & W. Co. to open mines of their own to supply their motive power, the officials of the road, who were old schoolmates and intimate friends of Mr. Brown and knew well his excellent standing among mine operators, turned to him for his opinion as an expert on the venture, and to locate, open and develop their mines. He accordingly selected a spot on the bluffs above Chewton, where the three-foot vein of excellent steam coal should be opened, and superintended the construction of the incline and of the chutes by which the coal is distributed with no unnecessary handling, and with a speed and efficiency that is truly surpris-

ing, as it is very unusual. Mr. Brown has unusual tact in managing men. Having begun at the bottom of the ladder he knows their good points as well as their faults, their natures and their needs, and at the same time possesses executive ability to employ them to the best advantage of his employers, looking always to the rights and privileges of the men, and respecting them. When he must use the iron hand of discipline and show his authority, the sting of the blow is tempered by its judicious use. It was through Mr. Brown's management that the mines at Leetonia were nearly trebled in their output by putting in an incline; the measure was eventually worked out there in less than half of the time it would ordinarily have taken.

Mr. Brown was married in Leetonia to Emma Byerly, a native of Washingtonville, Columbiana Co., Ohio, and daughter of Christopher and Barbara (Grimm) Byerly, the former of whom died May 6, 1897. The Grimms were among the pioneers of Leetonia, Washingtonville, the suburb of that city being located on the old Grimm farm. The union of our subject and his excellent companion has been blessed with six children, namely—Arthur, who is his father's clerk and bookkeeper at the mines; Curtis, who is learning the machinist's trade and a noble young man; Charles Clyde, Lillie May, and Ada Edna. Mr. Brown was reared an Episcopalian and still adheres to that faith. Mrs. Brown is a member of the M. E. Church, while Arthur, the eldest son, has united himself to the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican and has been a local leader in the various towns in which he has lived. He has served as president of the school board, and has been a member of the

town council. He is treasurer of the Miners' Society, and was always elected their spokesman in convention and assemblies. He serves in county conventions, and was a member of the delegation that attended the unveiling of the Garfield Monument. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Welcome Lodge, No. 279, at Washingtonville, Ohio.

Mr. Brown has always taken a lively interest in educational matters, serving frequently on school boards and giving his best talents in such services. He was a member of two library associations in Washingtonville, and is now a member of the association at Wampum, the borough across the river from his present home. He is a reader and thinker, giving especial attention to general scientific subjects, as well as to all that pertains to mines and mining, his chosen vocation. As a practical mine operator, and a fitting representative in many particulars of one of our most important industries, the publishers take pleasure in presenting Mr. Brown's portrait in connection with this, a brief outline of his life and works, his likeness appearing on a preceding page.

J. WESLEY RHODES, a prominent citizen and farmer of Hickory township, although now partially retired from active agricultural work, was born in Mifflin township, Allegheny County, Jan. 5, 1829, and is a son of Henry and Lydia (Brown) Rhodes, both of whom were born in Allegheny County.

The Rhodes family is of German descent, and the first of this branch of the family known to

have settled in the United States was one Conrad Rhodes, the grandfather of J. Wesley, who came to America about 1788, and settled in the vicinity of Pittsburg on the Monongahela River. He was a pioneer among the permanent settlers of that part of the State; he purchased a large tract of undeveloped wilderness, which he cleared and successfully engaged in its culture, gathering together considerable wealth for those days, and being known as a generally prosperous man; the property has since revealed rich deposits of coal, which have been worked to good advantage by succeeding owners. He married, while still a resident of the Fatherland, a Miss Pence, who was also of German parentage, and of the family they reared, Henry, the father of our subject, was one of the youngest. They lived an upright, Christian life, in accordance with the spiritual teachings of the Presbyterian Church, of which they were devout members.

Henry Rhodes was educated in the district schools of Allegheny County, and when a young man started out for himself in life's battle as the proprietor and manager of a tavern in Washington Co., Pa. Later on he purchased a farm, which he carried on for a number of years until about 1832, when he purchased the farm, a part of which is now owned and operated by his son, J. Wesley. The remainder of the active years of his life were spent in agricultural pursuits with so marked success that he was included among the foremost men of his township. His political allegiance was always cheerfully given to the Whig party. He married a daughter of Trustrem Brown, and to them were born the following children: John; Sarah; David; Conrad; Rachael; Henry H.; Samuel, deceased; Thomas; Cather-

ine; J. Wesley; and one that died in infancy. Our subject's father lived until 1834, when he was removed from the midst of his sorrowing family by the cruel hand of Death at the age of forty-five years. Mrs. Rhodes, after her husband's death, having a large family of small children to support and educate, married Robert Sample, a Presbyterian clergyman, who was a pioneer of that faith in this part of Pennsylvania. Her death finally took place in 1879, when she had rounded out a well-spent life of eighty-four years.

J. Wesley Rhodes, after completing a district school education in the schools of Neshannock township, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and farming, in connection with mining coal, has been his chief occupation throughout the greater part of his life. He has lived ever since 1832 on the farm, which was purchased by his father, until 1887, when he moved to property near, but still owning the farm; on this farm there is a valuable quarry, leased to the Atlantic Iron & Steel Co., and extensively worked by them, the product being used as a flux in the manufacture of steel. Mr. Rhodes is now living in partial retirement, not paying so much personal attention to the agricultural operations on his farm as in years past when his health would have better permitted it, but rather living in peace and plenty, enjoying the fruits of many years of toil, and the friendship of his scores of intimate acquaintances, by whom he is held in the highest esteem and regard.

It was in 1857 that his marriage with Louisa Thomas, grandmother of Morgan Thomas of New Castle, Pa., was solemnized, and this union has been blessed with seven children; the five of whom are living are: Charles W., who mar-

ried Agnes Aiken; Mary, who married Robert Thompson of Hickory township; Sarah E., who became the wife of William Brenneman of Scott township; Fred L.; and Walter W. Mr. Rhodes is a Republican in his political affiliations, and has been honored with a place on the school board, but this was only at the solicitations of his friends who knew with what credit he could serve the township, for he is naturally a home man, and desires nothing better than to entertain his friends at his own fireside, and dislikes all forms of notoriety. The family are regular attendants of the United Presbyterian Church and different members of the household may be found in responsible positions in the various church societies.

JAMES A. McMILLIN. Of the sturdy farmers who furnish for the nation the supplies of food products Lawrence County has its full quota. Its men are known as citizens of long residence, who are closely bound to the grand old Keystone State, believing that it holds a position that is second in importance to no other commonwealth. Of such a stamp is James A. McMillin of Scott township, who is a farmer, descended from an ancestry of farmers.

Mr. McMillin laid a broad foundation for his life work, seizing every available advantage and raising himself to a high plane of manhood. For some time he was engaged in educational work, being well fitted to train the pliant mind of youth by his general character and preparation. He gave up this employment at the call of the Nation for its staunch supporters, choosing to

put individual interests in the background and to serve his bleeding country first. Consequently his enlistment was a matter of formality soon ended satisfactorily, and on Aug. 6, 1862, Mr. McMillin became a member of Co. B, 134th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., under Capt. James McCune and Col. M. S. Quay. Day after day he toiled with his fellow-soldiers in the ranks, hoping and praying that right might not be forever on the scaffold and wrong forever on the throne. With the faith of disciplined obedience the soldiery of the North beheld "God within the shadows, ever watching o'er his own." Mr. McMillin's discharge came on May 26, 1863. He returned to his former vocation in which he achieved success, applying himself diligently to the great problem that faces every man—to earn a living for himself and those dependent on him; by doing farm work in the summer months Mr. McMillin accumulated the means to purchase a farm and become independent. In accordance with his early spirit of ambition Mr. McMillin did not drop from all connection with the outside world beyond the limits of his daily toil, but kept himself informed on the topics of the day, especially in the political field, evincing the true American fidelity to candidates of his party, the Republican. For ten years our subject dispensed justice in the official capacity of justice of the peace, and he was known as a man of probity and fairness. The same intelligence displayed in material affairs extended to those of spiritual well-being, and the McMillins have ever measured their lives by the standards and conformities of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McMillin entered into a matrimonial alliance with Sarah Emery of Scott township, and

their home life has been blessed in the births of two children: Jennie, who resides at home, and John L., who is attending the Normal School of Slippery Rock. The young people inherit the mental activity of their parents, and are favorites in the neighborhood of their home.

Some information in regard to the parentage of Mr. McMillin may be gleaned from the fact that his father grew up in Westmoreland and Beaver counties, Pa., where he was esteemed a man of more than ordinary attainments and his life work ran on parallel lines with that of his son, as he, too, was an instructor and devoted himself to agriculture. About 1820 Archibald McMillin came to Beaver County and in a short time purchased a farm in Shenango township, where he remained thirteen years, at that time becoming the proprietor of an estate in Slippery Rock township, which became his permanent residence, being well located near Princeton. In addition to the routine of farming, Mr. McMillin surveyed section after section of land in his vicinity. At the disruption of the Whig party Mr. McMillin naturally fell into the ranks, marching under Republican banners, and worked effectually to further that party's power. In his official capacity of county surveyor Mr. McMillin displayed his public spirit and devotion to business, and for some years he laid down the law as justice of the peace, and also served as county commissioner of Beaver County before Lawrence was formed, in which position he gave general satisfaction. In the person of Jane Aiken of Wayne township Mr. McMillin found a companion in every way worthy of her position in his affections; to the pair were born six children, five of whom endured life's struggle

and grew to mature years. Mary was united to Anderson Gardner and a quartet of children came to their family circle, Archibald W., Howard, Jennie, and Catherine. The second daughter, Catherine, became the wife of James A. Ray of New Castle. Edward M. espoused Sarah Johnson of Allegheny City. He was a gallant follower of "Old Glory" in many engagements of the late war, serving four years in the 100th Pa. Vol. Inf., known as the "Roundhead Regiment." Their home is now in the State of Illinois. Martha became the helpmeet of John E. Forbes of Slippery Rock township, and she bore two daughters, Annie and Jennie, afterwards responding to the summons of death when still a young woman. The McMillins held tenaciously to the usages of the U. P. Church, conforming their lives to its standards and many times observing the great law of kindness toward others less fortunate than themselves. Mr. McMillin lived until 1889, rounding out eighty-two years of existence; and Mrs. McMillin survived until 1894, passing away at eighty-four years of age.

Edward McMillin, father of Archibald and grandfather of James A. McMillin, was a Pennsylvanian, who loved the State next to his home and loved ones; about 1820 he located in Beaver County, where he operated a farm for twelve years, becoming a highly valued resident. As he was shrewd and energetic in business affairs, Mr. McMillin held a responsible position as a local leader of the Whig party. For his wife Mr. McMillin selected Agnes Lamont, a lady of Scotch parentage, and to them were born this family: Archibald, our subject's father; Sarah, deceased; Edward, who married Jane Leslie of Shenango township and has a daughter, Agnes

(Chambers); James espoused Eliza Frew of Slippery Rock township, and they have two sons, Edward A. and J. Milton; Margaret became the wife of Joseph M. Burton of Scott township, and they have two children, J. Mansford and Mary (Balf) of New Castle; William married Ellen McMillin of Shenango township, and they have a large family of bright young people—Emma, Wesley, Dr. Herman E., Jennie M., Adaline, John C., Ellen, Matilda, and Martha C. As their descendants have clung to the U. P. Church, the family tendency to uprightness is manifested in an unusual degree. Few people gain such an honored place in the society in which they move, and few are as worthy as the McMillin family.

WILLIAM D. ELLIOTT. In giving a list of the prominent and representative citizens of Lawrence County it would be a greivous mistake on the part of the publishers of this Book of Biographies to omit mentioning the name of the leading farmer and miller of Scott township, William D. Elliott, who is entitled, both by reason of his own eventful life and present position and by the leading part his father and grandfather took in the settlement and development of this section of the country, to honorable mention. From the time that our subject first struck out for himself his lines were cast in many different occupations over widely separated stretches of country, until at the age of thirty-five he returned to his native State and county and settled down in his present position. His grandfather was one of the early surveyors of

Mercer, and what is now Lawrence County, and performed valuable work in inducing settlers of the better class to come to this undeveloped country and take up homes.

Our subject was born Jan. 2, 1832, and was a son of James P. and Margaret (Dennison) Elliott, the former of whom was born in Scott township in 1800, and the latter was born in Springfield township, Mercer County, in 1805. William Elliott, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Pittsburg or its vicinity. He took up the civil engineer's profession and fitted himself for frontier work. About 1791 he came into Mercer County and surveyed the country for miles around, and took a hand in building up the country and developing its wonderful resources. He was one of the very first men to settle in Mercer County, and it was through his efforts that many pioneers attracted by his accounts of its excellent features, resolved to make that their home, and so became valued citizens and the ancestors of many of our best people. He became a very prosperous man of that time, and although he died when only thirty-eight years old, about 1812 or 1813, he owned at one time 1,000 acres of land. He did not follow his trade continuously, but settled down on a farm and followed the steady, well-tempered life of a tiller of the soil. The homestead is now owned by his grandson, William D., the subject of this writing. He was liberal and not at all exacting in his religious belief, and was a Whig politically. He married Agnes Perry, a native of Scotland, and to them were born five children: James P., the father of our subject, deceased, July, 1884, aged eighty-four years; Cyrus; Benjamin F.; Nancy, deceased; and Eliza, deceased. Our sub-

ject's grandmother departed this life in 1848, aged sixty-five years.

James P. Elliott, the father of our subject, early took up the occupation of an agriculturist, and followed that most independent of all callings for the rest of his life; he also carried on an extensive milling business, which is now one of the chief sources of income of his son, our subject. In his political belief he was originally a Republican, but of late years before his death he voted with the Democratic party. He was a live, energetic, public-spirited man, who was never found lacking in interest in any movement that was calculated to better the condition of the community and result in its advancement from a business, educational, social or religious point of view. He married Margaret Dennison, daughter of William Dennison of Springfield township, Mercer County, and to them were given five children, whose record is given below: Eliza married John Elder and reared a family of five children—Margaret, William J., Lillie, Mary, and John; Caroline married Albert G. Courtney of Emsworth, Allegheny Co., Pa., and made him the father of three children—James P. E., Clarence C., and Margaret; Rebecca is deceased; as is James also; and William D. is the subject of this writing. In his religious belief James P. Elliott was liberal in general tendency, and did not belong to any church organization. His wife survived his death one year, passing away to rejoin those gone before, in 1885.

As soon as his schooling was completed, our subject engaged as a clerk in a retail dry goods store in New Castle, where he worked and became acquainted with the business until he went to Philadelphia, where he clerked in a wholesale

dry goods store. He remained in that city about two years, and from there went to Pekin, Ill., where he became bookkeeper for a grain and lumber firm, in whose employ he remained for a year and a half. He then engaged as manager and head bookkeeper for a large distilling company in the same place. His next location was in St. Louis, Mo., where he was employed one year as a bookkeeper. He later engaged in the commission business with a Mr. D. B. Martin, continuing in that connection for about three years. He then went aboard the Mississippi steamboat, the Polar Star, which ran from St. Louis to Memphis, Tenn., and was employed on the boat as clerk for about two years. In 1867, having seen enough of a wandering life and desiring to settle down and enjoy the rest of his life, he returned to the old homestead, and has since devoted his attention to farming and milling. He has found the latter business very profitable, and Elliott's mills have a wide reputation among good housewives for the excellent character of the flour, which is considered to be without an equal in this section. In his political views he adheres strongly to the Democratic principles, and he has held the office of postmaster of Elliott's Mills, besides divers township offices.

In 1878 our subject was joined in marriage with Margaret J. McNair, daughter of William McNair of Erie, Pa., and to them have been given two children—James B., who died when four years and a half of age, and Gertrude, who was born April 9, 1883. In his religious belief our subject is liberal. Socially he is a Mason, being a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 243, F. & A. M., of New Castle, Pa.

JOHN McGRAW is the bearer of a name that is well and favorably known throughout Lawrence Co., Pa. He is one of the tillers of the soil of Mahoning township, who has, by his own efforts, secured a place in the list of solid and prominent men of the western end of the Keystone State. The birthplace of our subject was in Armstrong Co., Pa., and he came into life Nov. 22, 1832. His parents were John and Eliza (Brown) McGraw.

The senior McGraw was a native Pennsylvanian, and in his younger days learned the stonemason's trade. This craft stood him in good stead the most of his life, which was not a long one, for he died at forty years of age, at the Great Western Iron Works, Bradley's Bend, Pa. Typhoid fever was the immediate cause of his early demise. Six children, all of whom are living at this time, survived him; they were: Francis; John; Cynthia; Thomas; Lydia; and Silas. His widow wedded as her second husband Mr. John Johnson, and by him had two children—Emma and Sadie. The latter is now deceased.

John McGraw, our subject, when only eighteen years of age, entered the rolling mills at Wood's Run, Allegheny County, near Pittsburg, and spent two years learning the secrets of that vast industry which has made Pittsburg renowned over the whole world. Not finding this line of work quite to his taste he turned his attention to agriculture. In 1875 he bought part of the Thomas Williams farm in Mahoning township, an estate which he holds and on which he makes his residence at the present time. He erected a new house in 1876, and before many years had elapsed he had the series of improvements under way that have made him the owner

of one of the best and most productive places in this fine farming section. The excellent orchards, which are now in their prime, were set out and carefully tended by him. He devoted his time to general farming, but his land is especially well adapted to grain and stock-raising, two lines in which he excels.

John McGraw was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Ella Cole, daughter of Ensor Cole, a well-to-do citizen of Eastern Pennsylvania. In the month of August, 1895, she was removed from the scenes of this life, when aged sixty-four years. She was the mother of eight children, who were born in the order given below, and were named: Samantha Jane; Frank M.; John C. F.; Duira A.; William E.; Thomas W.; Mary Ellen; and Silas E. Samantha Jane became the wife of William Holliday of Brown Co., Kansas, and has borne her husband these children: L. Gertrude; John M.; Willie; Cora; Eva; and two deceased. Frank married Mary Shaffer, and is a well-to-do farmer of North Beaver township; they have two children—Clarence and Glennie. John C. F., who resides in Mahoningtown, married Lizzie M. Ripple and has four children—Lee, Fred, Ella, and Ada. Duira is the wife of a merchant of Ellwood City, Pa., L. S. Randolph; they have two children—Lloyd and Wilbur. William E. espoused Elizabeth Mitchell, and has two children—Gay and Willie; he is a farmer of considerable means of Hilltown, Pa. Thomas married Lucy McGuire and resides at home. Mary Ellen lives at Wampum and is the wife of Clarence Webster, a miner; they have three children—Grace, Ethel and Edith. Edwin is a clerk in a store at Ellwood City, Pa.

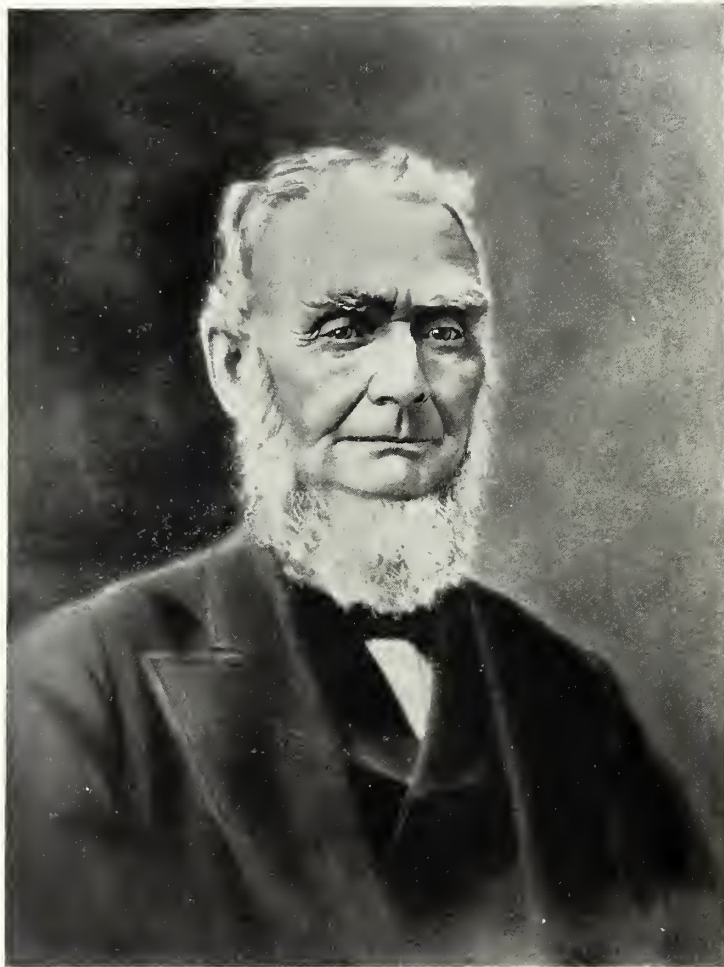
John McGraw is a man of sterling worth, unquestioned integrity and steady reliability. He has always been a prominent member of the local organization of the Republican party, his convictions in matters of public interest being based on accurate information and correct conclusions. He is especially well posted on all that is transpiring at home or abroad, and is a fair and impartial judge of men and affairs. He has for six years served on the board of school directors, and is at present the supervisor of Mahoning township. As a man, a citizen, and a public officer he is everywhere esteemed, respected and trusted.

JOHN H. SNIDER. The subject of this biography is a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, stationed at New Castle, where he has been kept in continuous service for over twenty-three years. He was born in East Fairfield, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Aug. 6, 1842, and is a son of Martin and Sarah Ann (Kannel) Snider. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Altdoerfer) Kannel, and was born near Elkton, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1816, and died July 13, 1874; Elizabeth was a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, where she was born Feb. 3, 1793; her death occurred June 9, 1860; her mother came from Basil, Switzerland. Joseph Kannel was of Welsh origin and followed farming. He was a soldier in Capt. J. Gilbert's company of Ohio Volunteers in the War of 1812, and was in the service at the time of Commodore Perry's victory on the waters of

Lake Erie. Of his thirteen children, Sarah Ann was the third in order of birth. Joseph Kannel was a son of Casper and Barbara Kannel, both of Welsh origin, born Aug. 23, 1787, died Sept. 13, 1877, at Middleton, Ohio, where Canton, O., now stands. Caspar was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Hickman's Co. of the 17th Regiment of Infantry.

Martin Snider, the father of John H., was born near Clarkson, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1812, and was a saddler and harness-maker by trade. He lived in East Fairfield and plied his trade until 1855, when he removed to Rutland, Meigs Co., Ohio, where he resided until Oct., 1859, and removed to Mantua, Collin Co., Texas, where he resided during the war, suffering many inconveniences because of his early associations and ties in the North, and was also many times in danger of his life in that turbulent period, and on several occasions only the fact of his being a Mason saved him. He followed his trade many years in McKinney, Collin Co., Tex., and died in Denton County, the same State, Aug. 28, 1881. He was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Ferrall) Snider. Elizabeth (Ferrall) Snider was born in Lowden Co., Va., April 27, 1793, and was a daughter of William and Mary (Bangham) Ferrall, both of whom were of English birth and members of the Quaker sect; William Ferrall was a farmer by occupation. Henry Snider was born Jan. 27, 1790, and was a son of John and Theodocia Snider, who were natives of Lowden Co., Va.

John H. Snider lived in Columbiana Co., Ohio, till 1855, and for the four following years in Meigs County, attending school at every opportunity in each county. In 1859 he moved with the family to Texas, where, on the outbreak of



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the war, he was conscripted into the Rebel Army but was detailed to serve as a teamster. Learning that the teams were to be conscripted, and because he owned his own team, he determined to desert with his oxen to save himself and them from aiding the traitors' cause. After his first desertion he was conscripted again and mustered as a private into Co. A, 29th Texas Cavalry, serving three years as soldier and bugler; and again he deserted, and was this time held a prisoner on Pelican Island in Galveston Bay until the close of the war, and came very close to perishing by starvation. After the war he journeyed on horseback nine hundred miles to Mahaska Co., Iowa, where he attended school through the winter, and in the succeeding winter was enrolled as a scholar in the schools of Ashley, Ohio. In 1870 he went to Alliance, Ohio, learned telegraphy, and was afterward stationed at Monteith and Muskegon, Michigan, and Alliance, Louisville, Canton, Orville, Crestline, Loudonville, and Youngstown, Ohio, and Homewood and Enon Valley, Pa. From the latter place he came to New Castle on April 22, 1874, and has since served the company efficiently at this point, leaving no ground for a complaint.

On Dec. 6, 1873, at Homewood, Pa., Mr. Snider was married to Laura V. Johnson, who was born at Enon, Pa., and was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Snyder) Johnson; the latter died Oct. 13, 1859, aged fifty-one years and five months. David Johnson, who died May 21, 1877, was a hotel-keeper at Homewood, Pa. Mr. Snider's marriage has been blessed with four children, who are: William H., a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad; David M., a machinist; Charles F., a telegraph operator; and Ira R., who

is still attending school. On April 18, 1887, occurred the death of Laura V. (Johnson) Snider, our subject's wife, and as there is no home without a mother, Mr. Snider married Mrs. Maria Davis March 3, 1892. Mr. Snider has a strong liking for secret societies and fraternities, and is a member of the following Masonic orders: Lodge of the Craft, F. & A. M., No. 433; Delta Chapter, No. 170; Lawrence Commandery, No. 62; Consistory Valley of Pittsburg, 32d degree; and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Erie, Pa. He is also an Odd Fellow, and holds a membership in the following societies: Shenango Lodge, No. 195; Encampment, No. 86. He is also a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 160, K. of P. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He attends the Disciples Church, and is a Republican when it comes to voting at local, State, or National elections.

SHUBAEL T. WILDER, deceased. The development of the iron industry in Western Pennsylvania is of comparatively recent years; a half century ago, the small progress that had been made in utilizing the vast stores of native iron would not have warranted the most sanguine believer in the future of this part of the country in predicting the tenth part of the present industrial development in the working and manufacture of iron and steel. Among the foremost of the promoters of the iron industry, concurrent opinion places the subject of this sketch, who was born in Middleboro, Mass., Oct. 8, 1810, and died in Massachusetts in 1888. He had

moved back from New Castle to Middleboro and had lived there about six years when he met with an accident, being killed by a runaway horse.

Nathaniel Wilder, the grandfather of Shubael was one of the early settlers of Middleboro, where he followed the vocation of a farmer. He was twice married, first to Priscilla Pratt, and second to Sarah Wood; by this second union there were several children born, of whom Thomas, our subject's father, and Darius were the only sons. Nathaniel Wilder and wife were Congregationalists.

Thomas Wilder, like his father, also had farming as an occupation, and continued to cultivate the farm in Middleboro all his life. His wife, Lydia Thomas, a native of Plymouth, Mass., bore him four children, of whom the three following lived to maturity: Evelyn H., Betsey B.; and Shubael T. They were also Congregationalists in their religious beliefs and preferences.

Our subject's educational facilities were somewhat limited, extending only till he was fifteen years old, when he set out to support himself, learning the nail-maker's trade and working at it in Middleboro, Mass., until 1836, when he went to Fairview, Pa., where he superintended a nail mill about two years. In the fall of 1838, he moved to New Castle, Pa., where he erected a nail mill about two years. In the fall of 1838, death soon after, Mr. Wilder formed a stock company, which leased the plant and manufactured nails until 1840, when our subject, in company with Mr. A. L. Crawford and brother, bought the plant outright, and the business was carried on there until 1857, when Mr. Wilder went to Cleveland, Ohio, and superintended the

building of the Lake Erie Iron Works. He then returned to New Castle, and engaged in the manufacture of steel plates and sheet iron, but was eventually obliged to withdraw himself from active business because of his failing health. He was a man of rare business ability, and New Castle is probably indebted as much to him as any one else for the present development of the iron industry within its limits, which keeps active so much capital and provides work for hundreds upon hundreds of operatives. He was an attendant of the Presbyterian Church, always giving liberally of his wealth for the support of the different churches.

In 1832 he was joined in wedlock with Julia H. Woodward, daughter of Solomon Woodward of Taunton, Mass., and this union was blessed with six children, three of whom now survive. Julia M. married D. B. Kurtz of New Castle, and they have five children—Charles M., Emily, Lois T., Edward T., and Kate; one child died in infancy. Mary E. married James M. Clark, and their family consists of themselves and two children: George W., and Julia. Lydia A. deceased, married Henry Hazen, and they had three children, Harry W., Wilbur H. and Shubael M., deceased. Horace A. married Alice Woods of New Castle, and they had two children, Herbert Alfred, and a child that died in infancy, also named Herbert. Charles Henry and a child unnamed died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Shubael T. Wilder are very appropriately selected as representatives of the highest class of citizens, whose portraits should appear in this volume, which are accordingly given on preceding pages, accompanying the above sketch.

WILLIAM F. WINTER, proprietor of the Central Hotel of Harlansburg, Scott township, is "mine host" of one of the most popular public houses in the county outside of New Castle. He was born in Shenango township July 5, 1863, and was a son of Christian and Margaret (Hoffman) Winter, who were both born in the Fatherland and descended from lines of pure German ancestry, possessing excellent and remarkable traits of character, which they transmitted to their descendants. Our subject is a man of position and influence in the part of the county where he resides, for he is richly endowed with those characteristics which render our German population of so much value in this land of thrift and progress. Being born and raised in Lawrence County, he is thoroughly imbued with a love for American institutions and has especially a large amount of affection for the country of his birth.

Christian Winter came to the United States to found a home in 1844, and settled in the State of Maryland, where he purchased a farm and identified himself with the agricultural interests of his section for a number of years until he conceived the idea of taking up his abode in the fertile country of Western Pennsylvania. He accordingly disposed of his Maryland farm and removed to Shenango township in 1852, thence to Union township about 1869, and purchased a farm where he resided the remainder of his life, passing to his reward in 1876, aged fifty-seven years. The farm is still owned by his heirs. He accumulated considerable property, and both as a business man and in society was considered a valuable member of his community. He was a full-blooded Democrat, and earnestly supported

his party and its measures on all occasions, but never aspired to hold public office. In 1846, soon after he settled in this country, he married Margaret Hoffman, daughter of George Hoffman, a native of Germany, and to him and his good wife were born seven children, six of whom are living. George F., the eldest son, married Martha Calderwood of Union township, who at her death at an early age left him one daughter, Martha. He then entered into a second union with Minnie O'Shea of Boston, Mass., and there were born to them seven children—Mary E., deceased, Elizabeth T., George F., Mont C., Norman, Harry, and Charlie. John, the next son, married Mary Cameron of Union township, and had seven children—James C., Margaret, Mary E., John and Nancy, twins, Clara and Edward. Elizabeth A. became the wife of James Flinn of Union township, and bore him seven children—Francis, Edward, Charlie, Walter, Mary M., and Edna E. Henry took for his wife Mary Edgerton of Union township, and became the father of four children—Anna B., Charlie H., Sarah, and Marie. Mary A. married John C. Trussell of New Castle, Pa., and bore him one son, John F. The family were faithful communicants of the Catholic Church.

Our subject, who was the youngest child, was educated in the schools of Union township, and worked on the home farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he began life for himself by accepting a position as driver for the American Express Co. in the city of New Castle, in which connection he was employed for seven years and a half. In 1890 he was appointed policeman in the same city, and was then employed as clerk in the Excelsior Hotel until 1896, when he

moved to Harlansburg, Scott township, this county, where he leased the hotel property he now occupies. He is a very successful young business man, and what is commonly considered a "hustler." He has been industrious and economical and has accumulated sufficient means to be considered one of the most substantial men of his village, and is held in high esteem as a man of enterprise and excellent habits. He is a conscientious Democrat, and takes a lively interest in local politics.

In 1888 he was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Rose C. Quigley, daughter of John Quigley of East Palestine, Ohio, and this union has resulted to their joy in the births of three children, named as follows: John L., deceased; Francis W.; and Carl, deceased. In religious belief Mrs. Winter is an Irish Catholic. Mr. Winter belongs to Robert Blum Lodge, No. 466, Knights of Pythias, of New Castle.

JOHN P. KEMP, deceased, an aforetime resident of Neshannock township, was a member of that large and intelligent body of citizens who have contributed so much to our wealth as a nation and to our welfare as individuals by their labors and endeavors in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Blair township, Huntingdon Co., Pa., May 14th, 1811, and was a son of Joseph and Molly (Piper) Kemp, who were of Dutch descent. The grandfather and grandmother of our subject commenced the sea voyage to America with their little son and daughter, Joseph and Kittie, but the mother was taken sick and died in mid-ocean, and the father only lived

a short time after reaching the city of Philadelphia. The daughter, Kittie, married George Doubler of Gettysburg, Pa.

Joseph Kemp, our subject's father, after receiving an education in the schools of Blair township, learned the cooper's trade, and followed it all his life in Huntingdon County in connection with farming. His native Dutch thrift and saving habits stood him in good stead in acquiring a comfortable home, and in providing liberally for his children. His wife, who was born in Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., bore him twelve children, namely: John P., our subject; Phillip; Peggy; Lydia; William; Molly; Betsey; Christina; Andrew; Joseph; Annie; and Katie. In religious attendance they were Lutherans.

John P. Kemp was educated in the schools of Blair township, and at an early age learned the cooper's trade under his father's instruction, and followed it a number of years in the latter's shop, subsequently turning his attention more in the direction of agricultural pursuits. About 1849, he left his native place for Neshannock township, Lawrence County (but then in Mercer County), and settled on the farm, now the home of his widow, which was then in its virgin, uncultivated state. For a residence he built a frame house in which they lived seven years, when he erected the present brick structure; the brick was made on his own farm from excellent clay beds, and all the wood-work was done by his own hand, for he was a first-class mechanic in all lines of wood-working and carpentry. At that time he cleared sixty-eight acres of the eighty acres of land owned by him, which are adapted to general farming and stock-

raising, and are situated about five miles north of New Castle on the Mercer and New Castle "pike," which thus brings the farm into easy communication with the markets. He was a very ambitious man, and always interested in the improvement of his property and in the development of all the resources of the farm. In his home life he was a model man, treating his wife with that respect and consideration as was her due, and extending toward his children a warm sympathy with their desires and ambitions that made his departure from their midst deeply felt. He interested himself in politics as a loyal, patriotic American citizen, never pushing himself forward into public notice, but fully content to cast his vote for the man of his choice and rely on the will of the people as the supreme law; he was a Whig and cast his first ballot for William Henry Harrison, the hero of Tippecanoe. He became a Republican upon the dissolution of his own party, and the organization of the new power in politics.

On Dec. 25, 1832, he was joined in marriage with Esther Ann Lowery, daughter of George and Hettie (Hartman) Lowery of Washington County, Maryland. Of the seventeen children born of this union, the following ten are the only ones now living: Joseph; William; Lydia; Rebecca; Susan; Hannah; Florence; John and James, twins; and Samuel P. They were faithful attendants of the M. E. Church, in which Mr. Kemp was for many years a member in the best of standing. Mrs. Kemp, who was born Aug. 26, 1813, still survives her husband, and is remarkably active for one of her advanced years, and still does her own housework. Mr. Kemp died Feb. 14, 1897, aged eighty-five years and nine months.

HOWARD D. LESLIE, an engineer on the P. & W. R. R., whose residence is on Pine Street, in Mahoningtown borough, was born in North Beaver township, Lawrence County, Oct. 14, 1863, and is a son of George L. and Mary (McMillen) Leslie, who were married in Butler County Feb. 8, 1859. Our subject's mother was the younger of two children born to William McMillen, who married a Miss Boone. George L. Leslie was the youngest of three children born to George and Martha (Hopper) Leslie of Westmoreland Co., Pa. The latter was a daughter of Robert Hopper, whose wife was a Miss Watson; Robert Hopper was a son of Robert Hopper, Sr., and both came from County Down, Ireland, about 1790, where they had followed agricultural pursuits. Robert Hopper, Jr., died near Mt. Jackson, this county, at the age of ninety-six. George Leslie, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Washington Co., Pa., and died in Lawrence County in 1859, at the age of sixty-seven. He learned the wheelwright's and carpenter's trades, and followed them in his early life, but in later years engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. George Leslie was a son of John and Jane (Neal) Leslie, the latter of whom was born in Scotland. John Leslie was born in County Down, Ireland, and was a farmer in Washington County, where he first settled; he came to Lawrence County in 1800, and in this county his death took place. To the parents of our subject three children were born: Elizabeth Florence, the wife of Alexander W. Hart of New Castle; Harriet May; and Howard D.

Howard D. Leslie lived in North Beaver township until he was five years of age, when his parents moved to Jackson Co., Mo., near Lee's Summit, where the family resided seven years, returning to New Castle in March, 1876. Our subject attended the schools at Lee's Summit and at New Castle until he was sixteen years of age. When seventeen years old he learned the trade of marble-cutting of Alexander W. Hart, his brother-in-law, in New Castle, and labored at that craft seven years, eighteen months of which time was spent at Lee's Summit. In February of 1889 he began firing on the P. & W. R. R., at which he was engaged until his promotion, in December, 1893, to the position of engineer, with a principal run from New Castle Junction to Akron, Ohio. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

He was married in New Castle to Jennie Allen, a native of Allegheny City, and daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Simpson) Allen, the latter of whom was born in Mahoningtown, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sample) Simpson. John Simpson was a native of Ireland, and died in Mahoningtown in 1875, aged seventy-nine years. His father, William Simpson, was one of those who took part in the Irish Rebellion of 1798; he came to America in 1802, when his son was about six years old; they were both farmers by occupation. Thomas Allen, the father of Mrs. Leslie, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., at McKee's Rocks, in 1830. He learned the trade of ship-carpenter, at which trade he worked many years in Pittsburg, until after the war. On his removal to New Castle, he became a contractor and builder. To him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Eliza

(Rudisill); Jennie, the wife of our subject; William John; Charles; Rufus; Mary, deceased; George; and Ethel. To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie two children have come to brighten and cheer the home, George Allen and Mary Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie are members of the United Presbyterian Church of New Castle. Mr. Leslie is a Republican in politics. Firm in his convictions, and decided in his opinions, he never hesitates to take a bold stand against what he considers to be injustice, and fight to the best of his ability against the threatened evil. He is one of the best of good citizens, in the number of which Mahoningtown is especially fortunate, and has ever done what he could toward the betterment of the different phases of society found there.

ERNEST M. McCREARY, senior member of the firm of McCreary Bros., extensive manufacturers of high-grade cigars at East Brook, Hickory township, Lawrence County, was born in the above-mentioned township Dec. 12, 1869, and is a son of John and Rachel (McCaslin) McCreary, grandson of Enoch and Margaret (Piereson) McCreary, and great-grandson of Samuel McCreary, who was one of the early settlers of Lawrence County.

Samuel McCreary immigrated to what is now Lawrence County in 1802 with his wife, and at once entered upon a long and useful career as an enterprising agriculturist and large stock-raiser. He lived to be eighty years of age, his death taking place in 1858. He was industrious and saving, and even to-day he would be con-

sidered well-to-do and prosperous, for he owned upwards of six hundred acres. He was a Whig, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They reared eight children, who were named as follows: Enoch; Eliza; Elizabeth; William; Thomas; Findlay; Jane; and Margaret.

Enoch McCreary, the eldest son of the foregoing worthy couple, received a good, common-sense education in the schools of Neshannock township, and became a leading farmer when still a young man; he followed this occupation all the period of his life in Hickory township on the farm, now owned by George Young, and departed this life in the month of March, at the age of fifty-three years. He was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, and had just allied himself with the latter party when death claimed him. He married Margaret Pierson, daughter of Samuel Pierson, and to them were given eight children: Pierson; Belinda; Samuel; Sarah; William; James; John; and Enoch. Mrs. McCreary was spared to her children until July, 1885, when the invisible summons also came to her and she left mortal scenes to rejoin those who had gone before to the blessed homeland. She was aged eighty-six years at her death.

John McCreary, the father of our subject, has followed agricultural pursuits for the most part throughout his life, which has been spent in Hickory township. In his early years he learned the broom-maker's trade, and during the winter months when no other work presented itself put in many hours to good advantage in making brooms. He has also been engaged very extensively in growing strawberries for the markets,

having on the average each year some two acres of producing plants. He owns about sixty acres of fertile land, which is well adapted to general farming and fruit-raising. He is a staunch Republican, and has served the township in an efficient manner as poor director. His wife was a daughter of Robert McCaslin of Hickory township, who was of Scotch descent, and for many years was an extensive stock grower in Australia, besides holding valuable interests in gold mining. When he came to the United States he settled in Hickory township, purchased a large farm, and has been chiefly engaged in dealing in stock. Mr. and Mrs. McCreary were the parents of five children, as follows: Robert L.; Ernest M., the subject of this sketch; Samuel P., the junior member of the firm of McCreary Bros.; Edith E.; and Ruth E. They are Methodists and belong to the church of the M. E. denomination in East Brook.

Ernest M. McCreary was educated in the district schools of Brier Hill in Hickory township, and when his education was completed learned the cigar-maker's trade, and in company with Joseph Myers of East Brook carried on the manufacture of cigars until 1890 under the firm name of Myers & McCreary. In that year he went into partnership with his brother, Samuel P., and since then they have had the pleasure of seeing their business thrive and grow to meet their fondest expectations; the name of McCreary Bros. on a box of cigars insures to the lovers of the fragrant weed the best that may be obtained in aroma, flavor and burning qualities. Mr. McCreary is one of the most enterprising citizens of Hickory township, and knows how to make his goods popular and his business

successful, if anyone does. In politics he is strongly attached to the Republican party. The East Brook Cornet Band was organized by our subject, and he still continues to direct it, and it has been in great part due to his persistent efforts that it ranks high with other musical organizations of like character in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. McCreary's talent for music comes naturally for the whole McCreary family is well-known for its ability in musical lines; our subject's brother and partner in business, Samuel P., is also a member of the cornet band. Our subject was married Jan. 3, 1894, to Louisa R. Stimple, daughter of Henry Stimple of Pittsburgh, Pa., and their union has been blessed with the birth of a daughter, Alice L. They are members in good standing of the M. E. Church.

Samuel P. McCreary was also educated in the schools of Brier Hill in Hickory township, and at an early age, when just out of school, learned the cigar-maker's trade, and then became a partner of his brother in the manufacture of cigars.

JOSEPH SCHWEIKERT, who resides in Shenango township, but is employed at Lawrence Junction in the railroad yards of the Pennsylvania Company, was born in Croton, now a part of New Castle, Aug. 8, 1852, and is a son of Lawrence and Christiana (Clouse) Schweikert, the latter a daughter of Philip and Christiana (Ackerman) Clouse. Lawrence Schweikert was born Nov. 22, 1822, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to this country in 1845, going direct from the port of arrival to Portage Co., Ohio, where he remained but six

weeks. Thence he traveled to Cleveland, and next to Youngstown, where he lived one year. One winter he lived in New Orleans, and then came back to Pennsylvania by way of the Ohio River to Pittsburg, and thence to Brady's Bend in the fall of 1847, and worked in that locality for one year. His life was spent in various places from that time to 1853, when he came to New Castle to work in the ore banks at Croton; in 1858 he bought the farm in Shenango township, and in 1861 took full possession. He was a son of Valentine and Cecelia (Schreiner) Schweikert, and grandson of Joseph Schweikert.

The subject of this brief biography was reared in Croton village until he was nine years of age, when his father moved to Shenango township, which has since been his home. He attended the district schools until he was sixteen years old. When the family moved to the new farm in Shenango township it was all in timber, and the boys, together with their father, had a hard time clearing it and preparing it for the large crops of grain and corn that have since been harvested from it. Mr. Schweikert lived under the parental roof until his marriage, when he took up his residence in a comfortable house on a part of his father's farm. He was interested in farming operations until 1893, when he secured work on the Pennsylvania Company's line, beginning work at noon April 12, 1893, at Lawrence Junction.

His marriage took place Dec. 12, 1885, in New Castle, the bride being Mary Jane Kelly, who was born in Butler County, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah A. (Thompson) Kelly. Sarah A. Thompson was a daughter of Joseph and

Mary (Patton) Thompson, the former a soldier in the War of 1812. Samuel Kelly was born in Erie, Pa., a son of Aaron and Ruth (Hale) Kelly. Mr. Schweikert is the first in a family of nine born to his parents, and his wife is second in a family of thirteen born to her parents. They are both members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of New Castle. Our subject is a Democrat in politics. He is rapidly making himself a pillar of the community in which he lives, and is esteemed as a thoroughly honest, capable and industrious citizen.

DR. JOHN P. SPROULL, a medical practitioner of Pine Grove township, Pa., is a gentleman whose trained abilities and skilled resources have brought him into public notice and have won for him the regard, esteem, and respect that are justly due a man of his usefulness in the life of the community. The work of a physician, from its innate nature, is of the kind that brings him into the closest relationship with the people. The way in which he carries his heavy responsibilities is ever to the public a matter of the most vital importance. That Dr. Sproull knows fully the ethics of his profession, as well as the teachings, and every day of his life lives up to them, admits of no discussion. His high standing everywhere proves his fidelity to his patients' interests, and his success proves his talents.

Dr. Sproull is a native of Butler Co., Pa., being born in Clay township Jan. 6, 1847. His father was Hugh and his mother was Elizabeth (Smith) Sproull, the former being a native of

Franklin township, and the latter of Cherry township. The paternal grandfather of the Doctor was John Sproull, a native of Ireland, who after his marriage emigrated to America and settled in Franklin township in the latter part of the 18th century. He pursued the vocation of farming, purchasing a tract of wild land, which he set about subduing to the wants of civilized man. He was in his day considered a very prosperous and well-informed man, and had much influence throughout his district. To his first wife, whom he had married in Ireland, four children were born: Robert; William; Hugh, the father of our subject; and Joseph. After the demise of his first wife Mr. Sproull wedded a Mrs. Kincaid, but this union was barren of children. Mr. Sproull reared his family in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

Hugh Sproull, born in 1824, after he had imbibed all the learning that the common schools could impart, learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner. He then went to Cherry township, where he has resided ever since. His industries have been various. He through his active life worked at his craft, became the owner of a valuable farm of 200 acres, and for years superintended the operation of a grist-mill. Though to-day an aged man, he is a power and an influence in the township. Like his father he was twice married. His first wife, a Miss Elizabeth Smith, daughter of John Smith, gave birth to two children: Elizabeth J., the wife of C. S. Stoner of Butler, Pa., and John P., the subject of our sketch. She died Aug. 13, 1848. A few years later, Mr. Sproull married Sarah Glenn of Clay township, and by this union ten children came into the household, as follows: William

S., now deceased; Eleanor G., also deceased; William J., who died while a medical student in the Cleveland Medical College; Ada, the wife of Jacob Rennick of Butler Co., Pa.; Andrew, who married Emma Christley of Butler Co.; Rella, the wife of Samuel Hindman of Branchton, Pa.; Everett, who is engaged in the grocery business in Chicago, Ill.; Ross, who wedded a Miss Hindman, and is a resident of Butler Co.; and Minnie, the consort of Rush Hockenbury, also of Butler Co., Pa. In politics, Mr. Sproull since the founding of the party has been a Republican. In church matters, the family are United Presbyterians.

Dr. John P. Sproull, our subject, first attended the public schools. Qualifying for the profession of a teacher, he followed that calling for seven years, during that period obtaining advanced instruction at the Sunbury Academy. Finishing the academic course and being graduated, he read medicine with Dr. Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio, for two years. Then he entered the Cleveland Medical College, and was graduated with high honors in 1877. His first field of practice was in Plain Grove, where he has since grown to be one of the most necessary and useful citizens of the community.

In 1867, he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Lucinda J. Wasson, daughter of William Wasson of Sunbury. Unto them were born six children, three of whom survive. Those living are: Millie E., the wife of Dr. J. E. Magee of Salem, Venango Co., Pa., and the mother of two children, Frank and an infant named Mary Mabel; William A., a student, now attending the Dental College at Cleveland, Ohio; and Ada M., who is living at home. In social

affairs, the Doctor is none the less active than in his professional duties. He is devoted to the United Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Sessions. In medical circles, he is one of the best-known physicians of the Lawrence County Medical Society. Politically, he was a Republican, but of late has been a strong temperance man, and a follower of the Prohibition party. In spite of a life filled to the utmost with the many cares and duties of a general practice, Dr. Sproull has kept in step with the wonderful advances made by his profession during late years. He is pre-eminently of a studious turn of mind, and his reading covers an extensive field over and beyond the actual needs of his vocation. He is fortunate in his home surroundings and in the fact that his life work has been among a people who know well how to appreciate real worth and honest endeavor.

SETH RIGBY, a prosperous farmer of Shenango township, who is carrying on farming operations on his farm, situated in the suburbs of New Castle, was born Oct. 9, 1837. He is the third of that name in direct descent. His father, Seth Rigby, was born in the Shenandoah Valley and came to Lawrence County in 1801, when a boy, his father settling where our subject resides. The father of our subject was a soldier in the War of 1812, in which he served one year, and was a participant in the battle of Lake Erie; his death took place at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a carpenter and cabinet-maker and worked at his trade many years at New

Castle. He was second in a family of seven sons and two daughters born to his parents; the sons all became skilled mechanics. He married Margaret Brady, who was born in Westmoreland County, a daughter of Samuel Brady, who was a native of Germany. Our subject's grandfather, Seth Rigby, was born near Leeds, Eng., was a carpenter and wagon-maker by trade, and lived to the exceptional age of ninety-five years; he married a Miss Clark, who was born in Virginia of Irish ancestry.

Our subject was reared on the paternal farm on Sheep's Hill, and attended the district schools till he was nineteen years old; from that age till the outbreak of the war he lived with his father, and gave him all his time and earnings. He enlisted in Co. B, 14th Reg. Pa. Vol. Cav., and served two years and ten months, mostly in West Virginia and Shenandoah Valley. He was in many skirmishes, was under fire fifty-two times, and fought in the battles of Winchester, Haysville, Droop Mt., Rocky Gap, Opecan Creek, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, and Kearns-town. On his return from the army he worked eighteen months in the quarries, was then for a time on the farm, and then at Rosena Furnace for two years, living in New Castle during this period. Since then he has been living on the farm.

He was married in 1872 near New Castle to Elizabeth Carson, who was born in Allegheny City, and was a daughter of Alexander and Susan (Kirkpatrick) Carson. Alexander Carson was a carpenter by trade, and died from the effects of wounds received at the battle of Petersburg; he was a son of Hugh Carson. The following children have graced our subject's mar-

riage: Ida May, who married Samuel Parks, and has one daughter, Mabel Ruth; Harvey E., who married Jennie Shoaf, and has a little girl, Pearl; Margaret Luella; Robert Perry; Hugh; Susan; and Frank, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rigby are members of the Disciples Church. Mr. Rigby is a firm Republican. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Knights of Labor, and was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F. This is, in brief, the outline of Mr. Rigby's life. As a young man he was industrious and persevering, not easily daunted by difficulties or reverses. As a soldier he was brave and patriotic, and served his country with the same or even greater fidelity than he would have attended to his own interests at home. As a citizen he sustains all the qualities of his earlier manhood, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his friends and neighbors.

ROBERT C. McCLURE, deceased, an ex-sheriff of Mercer County, this State, was born in Perry township, Lawrence County, March 22, 1839. He was a son of John and Ruth (Axtle) McClure, the former a native of Perry, Pa., and the latter a native of Lake township.

John McClure was born in Ireland and came over from the "ould sod" with his mother when a young man, and settled in the vicinity of Sandy Lake; he was the oldest of the children, and, as his father was dead, he was to all intents and purposes the head of the family. He turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and was thus engaged all the active period of his life. In

his political affiliations he was a stanch Republican but never held office of any description. His wife, Ruth, bore him the seven following children: Mary, who married John Hadley of Perry township; Zenas, who married Elizabeth McQuestan; Loretta, who married Josiah Long of Perry township; Robert C., our subject; Hannah, who married David Pattison of Perry township; Ufame, who married James A. DeFrance of Sandy Lake; and Emily, who became the wife of Lafayette Riggs of Hubbard, Ohio. They were Presbyterians in their religious belief. The father died in 1863, aged seventy years, and the mother was taken to the heavenly home in 1882, aged seventy-two years.

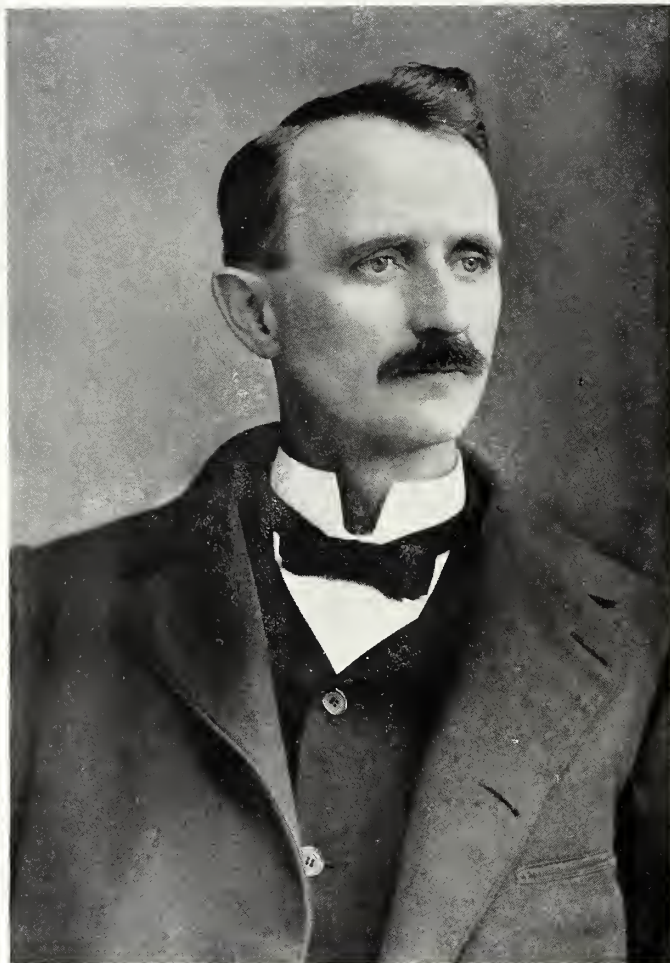
Robert C. McClure, upon the completion of an education, acquired in the district schools of his native place, worked on a farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he enlisted in Co. G, 145th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., Second Corps, under Capt. W. W. Wood; he served two years, received the commission of lieutenant for meritorious conduct and superior abilities, and was discharged because of disabilities received in the service. He then carried on farming at home until 1872, when in the November election of that year he was chosen sheriff of Mercer County, a position he filled with dignity and vigor, giving complete satisfaction to all law-abiding citizens, but dealing relentlessly with the members of the criminal classes. His energy and perseverance made him a valuable member of the community, and he was always ready to be interested in any movement intended for the public good. Socially he was an Odd Fellow, and also a member of the G. A. R. Post of Greenville, Pa. His life was spent in great part

in Mercer County, and there his death took place in 1890; it was only after the latter sad occurrence that his widow became a resident of New Castle.

In 1860 our subject married Isabell Pattison of Hadley, Pa., and to them were born five children: David, the eldest, married Emily Luce of Hubbard, Ohio, and has two children, Robert and Adelia; Margaret; Alexander P., who married Nora Douglass of Pittsburg, Pa., and has had two children, Margaret, deceased, and Helen; Ruth F.; and Robert, who died aged one year. The family are faithful in their adherence to the principles and dogmas of the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID SAMUEL, deceased, was born in Cum Haven, Wales, in the month of May, 1834, and departed this life in New Castle April 19, 1895. He had learned the trade of an iron puddler in the Old Country, and was engaged at that trade in this country until his death. His second marriage occurred on Feb. 5, 1884, to Mrs. Emily J. Pancake, daughter of John and Mary W. (Gitt) Keefer.

Emily J. Keefer was born in Manchester, Pa., and came to New Castle with her parents when very young, so that her mental training and education were in most part obtained in the public schools of New Castle. On Dec. 28, 1851, she was married the first time to Peter Pancake, a native of the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He was a nailer by trade and operated one of the old-style mills until his death July 28, 1877; he was located at Warren, Wheeling, W. Va., Pitts-



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burg, Pa., and then at Youngstown, Ohio. Four children were the fruit of this marriage, as follows: Clinton D., who died in infancy; Iva Virginia (now deceased), who was the wife of Thomas Nettle Fischer, and left him as a precious heritage two children, Emily and Elizabeth; Cora Estelle, who bore her husband, E. Davis, two children, an infant who died unnamed, and Bessie; and Amanda Matilda.

Mrs. Samuel's father, John Keefer, died at Rock Island, Ill., at the age of seventy years. Her mother, Mary (Gitt) Keefer, was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Wert) Gitt. Both of Mrs. Samuel's husbands were members of the Disciples Church, and both adhered to the principles as advocated by the Republican party. Mr. Samuel was a member of the Protected Home Circle, and Mr. Pancake was a member of the Masonic Order, having attained the Royal Arch degree. Mrs. Samuel is a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DR. ROBERT E. REDMOND, the subject of this sketch, is one of New Castle's leading and most successful practitioners of medicine, and possesses, in addition to a lucrative office practice, an extensive patronage in the surrounding territory. His birth-place was in North Liberty, Pa., and in that place were the years of his boyhood passed, and the rudiments of a common school education mastered. As a boy he dearly loved study for its own sake and for the pleasure to be derived from increasing his stock of knowledge and improving his oppor-

tunities; when his age and advanced state demanded better facilities than the district school, he was sent to Pine Grove Academy of Grove City, and from there he went to the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa., from which he graduated as a member of the Class of 1877. Until 1879, following his graduation, he read medicine under the direction of the Hon. J. M. Martin of Grove City, Pa., and in the fall of that year became a student in the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and received his degree and diploma, entitling him to practice in 1882. The year previous to his graduation was spent as resident physician in the city hospital of Cincinnati. In the spring of 1882, he located in Grove City, and practiced medicine there three years, removing from that place at the end of the three years to enter a new field he had chosen for himself in the town of Harmony, located in the oil region of Butler County, where he continued until 1893. In the fall of 1894, he located in New Castle, bringing with him an excellent reputation as a physician well versed in all the intricacies and details of the difficult art, and has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, enjoying the confidence and good-will of a very desirable class of patrons.

Dr. Redmond is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Drenning) Redmond, both of whom were natives of County Antrim, Ireland. Henry Redmond, a farmer by occupation, came to America in 1848, and lived in North Liberty township, Mercer Co., Pa., where he purchased a large farm, a very valuable piece of property now in the possession of his heirs and descendants, almost half a century, dying in 1896, aged eighty-

eight years. Sagacious and prudent in his dealings, and exercising excellent judgment in his agricultural labors, he attained a high place in the estimation of his neighbors and fellow-citizens as a prosperous farmer, and was enabled by his financial success to provide liberally for his children. He early espoused the cause of the Democratic party, and ever afterward was found among its staunchest and most serviceable supporters; however, to be known as a plain, honest man, and as a good provider for his family, was the height of his ambition, and it was for this reason that he never filled an office nor posed as a candidate for election, although his great popularity might have warranted him in so doing. His wife, who was named Elizabeth Drenning, made him the proud father of eight children. Mary A., the eldest, lives at home with her aged mother. Samuel is a leading attorney of Mercer Co., Pa.; he married Grace Newell of Punxsutawney, Pa., and has four children: Newell; Henry; Mary; and an infant. Elizabeth married John Smith, and resides in Mercer County on the old homestead. John married Julia McBride, by whom he has two children, and lives in Pittsburg, Pa. Jennima married the Rev. Hazlett, a Presbyterian minister of Butler Co., Pa.; they have two children. William A. married Christie Reigel of Grove City, Pa. Henry married Jennie Black of Grove City, Pa., and their union has been blessed with one child; Henry Redmond is a surgeon dentist of New Castle, Pa. Our subject's father died in 1896, leaving a widow, and the aforementioned family. They were United Presbyterians in their religious belief.

Dr. Redmond, in 1882, led to the altar Mary

Rolston of Prospect, Butler Co., Pa., and by this union there was born to him one daughter, Jessie M., born Oct. 27, 1883. Our subject's wife died June 17, 1893, and on July 10, 1894, he entered into a second matrimonial union with Laura F. Gill of Jackson Center, Mercer Co., Pa. Socially, he belongs to the I. O. O. F., and F. & A. M. Lodge of Middle Lancaster, Pa. He retains a membership in the organization of Free Masons of Harmony, Pa., and in the Royal Arcanum of the same town, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Grove City, Pa. Religiously, he is a member in good and regular standing of the English Lutheran Church of Harmony, Pa. After Dr. Redmond had been engaged in practice a number of years, he took a post-graduate course at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa., to better fit himself to cope with the many problems that present themselves to a physician.

The readers of this volume will view with interest the portrait that appears in proximity to this sketch of the genial doctor, whose station among the most prominent physicians of the county entitles him to the highest esteem and respect.

SAMUEL M. KENNEDY, one of the representative farmers of Shenango township, was born in Slippery Rock township, Jan. 1, 1824, coming of good Scotch-Irish ancestry, that sturdy class of citizens that has contributed so much to the development and enrichment of Western Pennsylvania. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Stickle) Kennedy. Our sub-

ject's mother was born in Slippery Rock township in 1800, and died at the age of eighty-six; She was a daughter of Samuel and Katherine Stickle, the former a farmer, who lived to a good old age.

William Kennedy was born in Eastern Pennsylvania about the year 1800, and attained the age of seventy-seven years; he came to Lawrence County with his parents when two years old, and lived the remainder of his life in Slippery Rock township, where he engaged successfully and with profit in agricultural pursuits.

Our subject attended school till the age of nineteen years, and lived with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he went to Allegheny County, where he worked on a farm for one year. At McKeesport he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it for three years. He then returned to Slippery Rock township, and worked at his trade in connection with farming for some six or seven years, since which time he has devoted his entire time and attention to agriculture and its varied pursuits. At the outbreak of the war, before enlisting, he purchased a ten-acre tract with a cottage on it, and put it in order for his family, in order that they might have a comfortable home when he was away to the war, fighting for his country, and with a slender chance of seeing the loved ones again. He enlisted Feb. 22, 1864, in Co. B, 14th Reg. Pa. Vol. Cav., and was engaged in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Swickle's Gap, and was in Sheridan's command when the cavalry made the famous raid of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Hostilities having ceased at the South, he was sent with other soldiers to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., to quell the

Indian troubles on the border, and was on duty there some two months, receiving his discharge in the month of August, 1865. On his return from the army he worked at his trade some seven years in Slippery Rock township, as before mentioned, and has since interested himself in farming, living the most of the past twenty-five years in Shenango township.

He was first married in November, 1854, to Lizzie Jane McMasters, daughter of William and Annie McMasters, and of this union two children resulted—William H., who is living with his father, and Mary Louise, the wife of Sol. Wimer. His second marriage took place in October, 1859, the bride being Sarah A. Warnock, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Manning) Warnock, and a member of one of the oldest-established families in the county. The father of Elizabeth Manning served seven years in the Revolutionary War, and lived to attain the very unusual age of one hundred and fourteen years, a fact that is on record and as authentic as one could wish. Six children, whose names are given below, were the fruit of the second marriage: Jesse B., who is living with his father; John H., who is engaged in the coal business in New Castle; Thomas, who owns and operates a saw-mill and thresher; Hugh, who makes his home with his father; Mamie Elizabeth, who is attending school; and Robert Stockman, who is in the employ of the Telephone Company. The family are members of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Kennedy is a Republican. In the sunset of life he is enjoying the fruits of his early labors at the home which he has established by the work of his own hands and a life of unremitting industry. That

he stands well in the community as a man of strict integrity and good judgment is evident from the fact that he has at different times been called upon to fill the offices of constable and collector, serving four years in that capacity, and of supervisor, an office he satisfactorily filled for a period of three years. He has also been a member of the election board a number of times. As an old soldier he has for years taken an active interest in G. A. R. affairs, and is a member of the Post, No. 318, at Wampum, this county.

WILLIAM DOUTHITT, ex-sheriff of Lawrence Co., Pa., was born in Big Beaver township Aug. 16, 1852, and is a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Cannon) Douthitt.

The grandfather of our subject, Robert Douthitt, was born in Carlisle, Pa., but later settled in Beaver Co., Pa., where he achieved prominence as a very successful and prosperous farmer. Politically, he was a Democrat. His wife, a Miss Mary Loutzenviser, bore him twelve children, of whom Jonathan, our subject's father, was among the youngest. In the matter of religious preferences he favored the Presbyterian Church.

Jonathan Douthitt was educated in the schools of his native town, and when a young man learned the stone-cutter's trade, which he followed to good advantage a number of years; later on he purchased a farm in Big Beaver township, and moved into what is now Lawrence County in 1848, although at that time it was a part of Beaver County; in that district he spent

the remainder of his years in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1875, aged sixty-seven years. He reared ten children as follows: Jerome, who married Sarah Henderson of Washington Co., Pa.; Harriet, the wife of Thomas C. Taylor of Little Beaver township; Joseph, who married Mary McClure of Beaver Co., Pa.; Mary, who became the wife of S. D. Eckles of Big Beaver township; John; Rhoda, who married R. W. McChesney of Big Beaver township; Andrew J., who married Elizabeth Snyder of Wampum; Thomas J., who married Nancy Leet of Wampum; William, the subject of this sketch; and Sarah J., who became the wife of Levi Repman of Wampum. He was a prominent and influential politician of the township, and as a Democrat served as collector, road supervisor and as school director. He was an attendant of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's mother died in 1864, aged fifty-seven years.

William Douthitt obtained the elementary principles of an education in the district schools of Big Beaver township, and upon leaving school turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed with excellent results until 1890, being also interested in the Wampum Run Coal Co., and is now heavily interested in the Thompson Run Coal Co. in Beaver Co., Pa. He has always been found in Republican political circles, and in reward for his constancy to party and in recognition of his many estimable qualities, he was elected sheriff of Lawrence County, taking his office in January, 1892, and holding office three years to the complete satisfaction of citizens of all parties. He has also held the office of collector and constable for four years. After filling out his term as sheriff he

engaged in the coal business mentioned above, and devotes a large share of his time to his mining interests. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Western Star Lodge, No. 160, of New Castle, Pa.

In 1875 Mr. Douthitt chose as a life-partner Emma Bell Vance, daughter of R. M. and Caroline S. Vance, of Big Beaver township, and to them have been born seven children, as follows: Frank H., who works for the Standard Oil Co. at Bayonne, N. J.; Harriet, who is attending high school; Robert Roy, who is attending school; Sarah C., also a pupil of New Castle's public schools; Samuel; and two that died in infancy. In religious matters, the family favors the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Douthitt is a member.

MICHAEL KNOBLOCH is a respected citizen of the city of New Castle, and a prominent wholesale and retail dealer in hides, pelts, furs, and tallow. His birth took place April 24, 1832, in the State of Prussia, German Empire, and he is a son of Adam Knobloch, a citizen of that country.

At the age of seventeen years our subject left the ancestral home to seek his fortune in the young Republic across the seas, and after arriving in the United States came to New Castle, where he secured employment in the nail mills, and in the next ten or twelve years worked in all the principal mills in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Virginia. In 1861 he became a resident of the State of Michigan, where he engaged in tilling

the soil for two years. In 1863 he moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacture of nails as a feeder. He then came to New Castle and engaged in the butcher business until 1870. That year marks his initial step in his present prosperous and extensive business; he purchased the fur and leather business of Henry Diedmor, who succeeded Isaac Dickson, who was one of the pioneers in the leather and tanning industry of New Castle. From a humble beginning he has managed, by economy and well-spent energy, to raise himself to a station where he commands the deep respect of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, either from a purely business or social standpoint. Among the best of our American citizens we include thousands of the sons of the Fatherland, who are an example by their industrious lives to all classes of native-born citizens. When he came to New Castle first, soon after arriving in this country, it was Aug. 5, 1849, he travelled with his brother from Youngstown, Ohio, by the way of Mahoningtown to the metropolis of Lawrence County, crossing the river at County Line Street on the wooden-covered bridge, then spanning the Shenango River at that point. He had scarcely enough money to buy food to appease his hunger, but there being no lazy bones in his body and upheld by a great desire to make his way in the world of business, he succeeded in years of toil in accumulating enough to launch him in his present profitable venture. He has proven himself to be a man of more than ordinary business ability, and as one who will surely be successful wherever his lot in life may be cast. He casts his ballot uniformly in support of the Democratic party, but

having exercised his right of manhood suffrage there his interest in politics ceases.

In 1857 Mr. Knobloch was joined in marriage to Amelia Baker, daughter of Christian Baker, a native of Germany, but later a resident of New Castle, Pa. They have reared to noble manhood and womanhood the following children: Carolina; Margaret; Wilhelm, who married Agnes Kildoo of Slippery Rock township, and has three children, Olive, Gertrude, and Hazel; Harry; and Edward, who married Lydia Ullrich, and resides in Hazleton, Pa. They have one child, Elizabeth, as a fruit of the union. Mrs Knobloch died January 9, 1896. Our subject and his family are German Lutherans in their religious attachments.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, of Mahoning township, Lawrence Co., Pennsylvania, was born December 27, 1826, on the farm he now owns and which has always been his home.

He is a grandson of Alexander Wright, the founder of the family in this country. Alexander Wright was born in the parish of Donnyclony, County of Down, Ireland, January 1, 1746. He married Esther Silcox, who was born the same day of the same year as her husband. They emigrated to America in the spring of 1771. The first year in America was spent near Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade, that of a weaver.

In the spring of 1772 he rented a farm in Kishacoquilles Valley, where he lived until the spring of 1776, when he purchased an improvement

right to a tract of land on Raccoon Creek, Washington County. He put in crops on the land the same year, but did not bring his family until the spring of 1777. That year and the year following were ones of terror on account of depredations by the Indians. Many of his friends and neighbors were murdered or carried away captive. The settlers erected block-houses for protection, and worked their fields with their guns close at hand in case of an attack.

In the spring of 1796 he settled on the land in what is now Mahoning township, Lawrence County. He held warrants from the State for the land on which he settled. A company called the Population Company claimed the same land and sold it to other settlers. This was the cause of much trouble and many lawsuits, each settler firmly believing himself to be in the right. The trouble was finally settled by a compromise.

Alexander Wright was appointed justice of the peace in 1791, receiving his commission from Governor Thomas Mifflin. He served as associate judge for Mercer County from the time it was organized until he resigned on account of old age in 1829.

He helped organize the Presbyterian Church of Hopewell about the year 1800, and served as a ruling elder until his death. He died May 25, 1838. His wife died June 17, 1812. She was a woman of unusual strength of character, a devoted wife and mother, and an earnest Christian woman. Their children were: Eleanor; Alexander; James; Dorothy; and Betsey. Eleanor married Rev. Robert Johnson. Dorothy married John McConnell. Betsey married William Porter. James was a minister in the Presbyterian Church. He died March 30, 1843.

Alexander Wright, Jr., was born April 15, 1772. At the death of his father he succeeded to the homestead. He built a new house and devoted his time to farming. He married Margaret Porter, who was born Dec. 25, 1782, and died Nov. 13, 1806. She left one child, Margaret, born Nov. 10, 1806, who married David Johnston. His second wife was Margaret Bevington, who died Oct. 3, 1818. The children of this union were: John P., born Feb. 27, 1810, died October, 1860; Ruth, born July 23, 1811, married William Phillips, died November, 1887; James, born Feb. 27, 1813, died Oct. 5, 1833; Eliza, born Feb. 12, 1815, died September, 1816; Alexander, 3d, born Sept. 25, 1817, died June 3, 1894. His third wife was Margaret Young, who was born Aug. 12, 1792, and died May 4, 1833, leaving six children; Samuel P., born Nov. 12, 1820, died July 12, 1897; Elizabeth, born Jan. 11, 1823, married James McConnell; William, born Nov. 25, 1824, died 1835; Joseph K., born Dec. 27, 1826; Robert S., born Jan. 2, 1829, died 1835; Isaac P., born Dec. 19, 1831. Alexander Wright's fourth wife was Elizabeth Cunningham, who was born March 19, 1797, and died April 10, 1870.

Alexander, or Squire Wright, as he was commonly known, was appointed justice of the peace in 1814, receiving his commission from Jacob Snyder, Governor of the State. He served until the revision of the constitution in 1838, when his son John P. was elected to fill his place.

Alexander Wright was an earnest Abolitionist, and for years his home was a station on the Underground Railroad. He was also identified with the earlier temperance movements. He died July 31, 1853. His son, Joseph K., succeeded

to the old home. He married Marcia M., daughter of James and Pamela Beggs of Coitsville, Ohio. Their children are: Ella; Anna (who married George G. Erskine of Mahoning township; Margaret; Arthur; and Pamela M. The grandchildren of Joseph Wright, who were born to his daughter, Anna (Wright) Erskine, are—Paul, Arthur W., Marcia K., Ralph J., George G., and Dorothy M.

DR. CHARLES A. REED. We have the pleasure to present to our readers the biography of one of New Castle's foremost physicians, whose excellent reputation for professional honor and skill has been acquired through a general practice in New Castle, extending from July, 1886, until the present time. Dr. Reed possesses that peculiar insight into the hidden causes of various forms of disease which will ever be the greatest recommendation of a successful physician. A case once definitely diagnosed loses much of the dread that surrounds it, and the mistakes that are occasionally made by even the best of practitioners result invariably from an incorrect diagnosis. Dr. Reed was born in Shenango township Sept. 18, 1858, and received his early education in the district schools of his immediate neighborhood and in the high school of New Castle. After completing an academic education at the State Normal School of Edinboro, Pa., he read medicine for a while, and eventually, in 1882, entered Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in 1885. His preceptors and advisors in medical studies were Dr. Joseph Reed

of Sharon, Pa., and Dr. J. J. Wallace of New Castle. Dr. Reed also took a one-year's course in the Western Pennsylvania Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was a resident physician. In July, 1886, he took up his residence in New Castle, and now has all he can do to attend to his constantly increasing practice.

Our subject is a son of J. C. and Phoebe A. (Iddings) Reed, both of whom were natives of Shenango township, Lawrence Co., Pa. Joseph Iddings, our subject's grandfather on his maternal side, was a native of Chester Co., Pa.; when a young man he went to sea, and when he returned home after a three-years' absence he became a student of a college in Pennsylvania, from which he graduated. He spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits and educational work. He married Hannah Hoopes, a native of Chester County, and they removed to Lawrence County in 1820. They were Quakers in religious belief. Their children were: Mary, who is eighty-four years old; Mirabel, deceased; Hannah, who married Martin Reno, deceased, of Shenango township, Lawrence County; Sarah, who married Hugh A. McKee; Elizabeth, deceased, who married James Leonard of Lawrence County, and now of Michigan; Ann, deceased; Lavina, who married James Davis of Lawrence County; and Phoebe A., our subject's mother. William Reed, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Reed, was a native of Pennsylvania; he was a millwright by trade and by the means of that calling and by farming he managed well to secure a livelihood, raise a goodly number of children, providing liberally for them, and to put himself beyond the grasp of want in his old age. He married Ann Can-

non, a native of Mahoningtown, this county, and this union resulted in the following children: John C., the father of Dr. Charles A. Reed; Margaret; Henderson; Jane; William; Elizabeth; and Mary. In religious belief they were United Presbyterians. William Reed died about the year 1842, aged forty-five years.

John C. Reed was educated in the district schools of Shenango township, and after the completion of such an education, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Nearly his entire life was spent on the farm where his life began. Industrious and progressive in all his labors, he found it a comparative easy matter to accumulate a comfortable amount of property, and was considered a very prosperous man. Politically, he was a stanch Whig, and later on, when the Republican party was organized with many Whig principles incorporated in it, he joined the ranks of the younger and more vigorous party. He took an active and intelligent interest in politics. In 1851 he married Phoebe A. Iddings, and this union resulted in ten children, as follows: William E., who married Eliza Keller of Shenango township, by whom he had three children, Lillian, Wesley, and one that died in infancy; Hannah, deceased; Joseph H., a physician of Sharon, Pa., married Kate Bowman of New Castle, Pa., and they have one child, Helen; Charles A., our subject; Anna and Mary, deceased; Sarah J., who married Harry Wright and bore him two children, Mary and Charles; Levinah, who married Henry Weinschenk of Shenango township, and their marriage has been blessed with one child, Margaret; John W., deceased; and Luther M., who married Elizabeth McMillin, and has two chil-

dren, Norma and Nettie. In religious matters they favored the M. E. Church. Our subject's father died in January, 1895, aged sixty-nine years, but the mother still survives at the age of sixty-seven years.

Dr. Charles A. Reed was joined in marriage Oct. 14, 1891, to Margaret E. Gaston, daughter of Philo and Mary Gaston, of New Castle, Pa., both now deceased; Elizabeth G., their only child, was born Oct. 8, 1895. Mrs. Reed is a member of the M. E. Church. Dr. Reed is a Republican in politics, but allows no organization to dictate to him how he shall vote at the polls, but casts his vote for the man whom he thinks best suited for the place. Although no office-seeker, he held the office of city physician two years, being elected on his own merits. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, New Castle Lodge, No. 404, in which society he has been past chancellor and trustee since 1893. He is also a member of Shenango Lodge, I. O. O. F.

JOHN A. SMITH, M. D., a prominent physician of New Castle, Pa., was born in Pulaski township, this county, Jan. 2, 1856, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Montgomery) Smith.

Our subject's grandfather, William Smith, was a native of County Derry, Ireland, and was a scion of a family in whose veins flowed Scotch blood. He came to America about the year 1786, and settled in Big Fork, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he took up farming; eventually he settled in New Bedford, Pa., where he engaged in pursuits of a general agricultural nature

the remainder of his active period. His wife, Rosanna, made him the proud parent of six children, who were named: Elizabeth (Davidson); Margaret (Carnahan); Samuel; John; James; and Hezekiah. Our subject's grandparents were reared as members of the religious sect of Seceders, but after coming to this country and becoming associated with many of their fellow-countrymen, they joined the United Presbyterian Church, which was a development of the original sect.

Samuel Smith was educated in the common schools of his native town, and upon the completion of his education turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and was thus engaged until his retirement from active work, during this time accumulating considerable property and providing liberally for his children. He gave his political allegiance to the Republican party. He was a popular man, and prominent among his fellow-townsmen, deserving well of their respect for him, for his life was spent in a simple, unostentatious manner, as one of nature's noblemen. His modesty and retiring character prohibited him from seeking political elevation of whatever nature. His wife, Mary, was born in Ireland, near Dublin, and was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Montgomery, both natives of Ireland; seven children were born to our subject's parents. Rosanna, the eldest, married John Duff of Aledo, Ill. Elizabeth, the next in order of birth, married Henderson G. Sharp, of New Wilmington, Pa., and bore him six children: Nettie; Jesse; Rutherford L.; Rufus; Smith; and Elmer. William, M. D., married Emma J. McCreary of New Wilmington, Pa., and has three children, Genevieve, Samuel, and

Gula. John A., the next child, is the subject of this personal history. Samuel S. married Eva McEwen of New Castle, this county, and has one child, Carelton. Nancy J. married Elmer Black of Grove City, Mercer Co., Pa., and has two children, Edward and Clifford. Frank, the youngest member of the family, is unmarried, and lives in Grove City. The family were United Presbyterians in their religious belief. Our subject's mother was taken to the "land of pure delight" March 13, 1872, and she was followed by her husband on April 28th of the same year.

Having received a rudimentary education in the common schools of his native place Dr. Smith attended and graduated from the State Normal School of Youngstown, Ohio; he also received a diploma from the college at New Wilmington, Pa. After a year's study under the direction of Dr. Silas Stevenson, now of Ellwood City, Pa., he entered the Medical Department of Hudson College of Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from that institution in 1881, among the first in his class. While a student in Hudson College, his preceptor was Dr. Proctor Thayer. He then opened up an office for the practice of his profession at East Brook, Pa., where he remained four years. On account of ill health he gave up his practice there and went to Ashland, Ohio, where he lived until 1886. In that year he returned to Pennsylvania and located in New Castle, where he has built up a large and flourishing practice, most commendable to his enterprise and professional skill. His practice is not confined to his immediate vicinity, but is general, and extends over a great part of Lawrence County. He is a Republican po-

litically, and as a successful candidate on that party's county ticket held the office of coroner three years. He is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Society.

In 1885 he was joined in marriage with Mary J. McKee, daughter of Charles and Margaret McKee of New Castle, Pa., and to Dr. and Mrs. Smith has been given one child, Hazel A., born Sept. 17, 1887. In religious matters he follows the example of his parents and unites with the United Presbyterian Church.

DR. JESSE R. COOPER, a prominent member of the medical profession of New Castle, Lawrence County, was born in Butler County, near Grant City, this State, Sept. 24, 1872. His education was commenced in the common schools of Grant City, Pa., and continued in the Slippery Rock State Normal School of Slippery Rock, Pa., and Grove City College, Mercer Co., Pa. Then wishing to adapt himself for work in business fields he attended Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, from which he graduated in 1889, after which he taught a short time in the same college. He pursued his medical studies in the Medical Department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, and graduated with the highest of honors in 1894. His first field of practice was in New Castle, where he has been successfully engaged in medical practice since 1894; as a physician he is well and favorably known throughout a very large circle of patrons, a reputation which he has won by an energy, determination and skill that have secured for him

an extensive field of practice and have fairly given him a leading place among the practitioners of his profession.

Socially, he is a Mason, belonging to Mahoning Lodge No. 243, of New Castle, Pa.; he is also a member of Lodge No. 909, I. O. O. F., of Portersville, Pa. His religious sympathies link him to the Baptist Church. Although a Democrat on general principles, he is no slave to party lines, but supports the candidates whom he thinks are best qualified to fill the offices; especially is this true in local elections.

Dr. Cooper is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Pence) Cooper, the former a native of Butler County, and the latter a native of Lawrence County. Our subject's grandfather, Thomas Cooper, was a native of Ireland and came to America when a young man, settling two miles east of Grant City, Pa., where he bought a tract of uncultivated land, and was engaged the remainder of his years in clearing and cultivating it, wresting a comfortable livelihood from the virgin soil. He married Phoebe Dean, who bore him seven children: Jacob; Jesse D.; Marshall, who was killed in the United States service in the late war; Harvey; Robert; Mary E.; and Polly. They were stanch supporters of the Baptist Church.

Robert Cooper, the youngest son of Thomas, was educated in the school of Grant City, and upon attaining manhood's estate turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, following the life of a farmer until his death in 1878. He was uniformly successful in his labors, and was esteemed a valued member of the community. Politically he was a firm Democrat, but as his taste did not run to the holding of offices nor

to active political life, he did not permit his name to be placed in nomination as an aspirant for honors. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of James Pence, a native of Scotland; to our subject's parents were born four children: Martha J.; James Mc; Phoebe; and our subject, Dr. Jesse R. The eldest daughter married William English of Portersville, Pa., and bore him four children: Robert B., Maggie J., Franklin B., and Ira. James Mc married Anna Davis of Jacksville, Butler Co., Pa.; their union was blessed with four children, namely: Frank, Porter, Harry, and an infant. Phoebe married W. P. Book of Harlansburg, Pa.; three children were born to them: Howard, deceased, Jessie, and George. Both of our subject's parents were Baptists. Mrs. Cooper died in 1894, aged sixty-six years; her husband was forty-seven years at his death.

DR. THOMAS J. BLACKWOOD, a leading physician and surgeon of New Castle, Pa., who has been prominently identified with the medical circles of that city as a regular practitioner for the past quarter of a century, was born in this county, in Slippery Rock township, Jan. 13, 1844.

Dr. Blackwood's father, Rev. James Blackwood, was Irish by birth; he was a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was a graduate of the Glasgow University. He followed his profession as long as his years would permit, and his last years as a minister of the gospel were spent as a pastor in New Castle.

Some among the older residents of New Castle and the surrounding country will remember him to the last of their days as an earnest and forcible speaker, with a convincing power that brought the truth home to many a wavering one, and saved them for usefulness for the Master and His Kingdom. He married Jemima Calderwood, a native of Ireland, and to them were given eight children, as follows: Martha E.; Isabella C.; Thomas J., our subject; William; James, deceased; Jane; Robert; Andrew, and Jemima.

Dr. Blackwood secured an elementary education in the schools of Grove City, Pa., and later attended Beaver Academy of Beaver Falls, Pa.; when he had completed the course of studies prescribed at that institution, he took a medical course at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated in 1866. He also further perfected himself with a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic Institute of New York City in 1883. His first field of practice was in Butler Co., Pa.; in 1873 he located in New Castle, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice, which amply rewards him for his painstaking efforts. His office practice demands the greater portion of the time, which is devoted to his profession.

In 1866 he exchanged mutual vows of fidelity and love with Sarah M. Magee, who accordingly became his wife and trusted helpmeet; she was a daughter of James Magee of Butler Co., Pa. The union of our subject and wife has been cemented with the birth of four children, as follows: Mary J., who married James Armstrong, and has one child, Thomas L.; Jemima C., who married Arthur Foster, and became the mother

of one child, Arthur B.; Margaret, who graduated in the class of 1897 from the State Normal at West Chester, with average scholarship of 97; and James M., who is at present attending college at Beaver Falls, Pa. Jemima C. is at present matron of the Elmira Home of New Castle, Pa.—a home for the aged. Dr. Blackwood and his family are in their religious views Reformed Presbyterians, and support the church of that denomination in New Castle.

JOHN V. TRAVERS, a prominent coal dealer of New Castle, Pa., was born Oct. 13, 1858, and is a son of John and Ann (Mooney) Travers, both natives of Ireland, the former's birthplace being Dublin, and the latter's being in the county of Mayo. Our subject's father remained in Ireland until after his marriage in 1854, and after coming to this country became a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, settling in Pottsville, where he engaged in coal mining, and remained there until 1858, when he moved to Youngstown, Ohio, thence to Minersville, Pa., thence to Kittanning, later to Freeport; from there he moved to Parker's Landing, thence to Pardo, where he made his home until 1872, when he once more changed his location, this time coming to New Castle. In this city he engaged in coal mining and also operated a mine on his own account, becoming well-known throughout the county as a successful, prosperous man. He was a stanch Democrat, and served his country through his devotion to party in a simple, unostentatious way, never desiring or caring to advance his name as a candidate

for party favors. His death occurred Oct. 4, 1887. The following children were reared by Mr. Travers and his wife: Mary; Ellen; John V.; Stephen; Annie; Catherine; Patrick S.; Margaret; and Elizabeth. Mary married G. L. Griffith of New Castle, and has presented him with these children: Annie, Gertrude, Leo, Stephen, John, Lottie, Irene, and Mary. Stephen married Tessie Clark of New Castle, who bore him two children, John and Herbert. Annie married Constant Truhel of New Castle, and their children are: Asa, Annie, Harry, Lizzie, and Grace. Catherine married James F. Rodgers of New Castle, and is the mother of five children, John, Catherine, Veronica, Annie, and Mary. Patrick S. married Mary Moore of New Castle, and they have the following children: Ellen, Anna, John, Raymond, and Mary. Margaret became the wife of James Disken of Youngstown, Ohio. Elizabeth married C. J. Walzer of New Castle.

Our subject having secured an education, for which he is indebted to the schools of Freeport, Pa., commenced to work as a coal miner at the age of twelve years, and continued in that line of work until he was twenty-two years of age, when he, in company with his father, bought a coal mine, and operated it under the firm name of Travers & Son until 1880, when our subject came to New Castle, of which city he has been a resident ever since. Since 1889 he has dealt in both hard and soft coal, coke and blacksmith's slack. He has also handled a small line of staple groceries. Strict business principles control his actions, and so well-known is his reputation for honorable, gentlemanly dealings that his integrity is never questioned.

He was joined in wedlock with Margaret Flynn of Parkstown, Pa., and by this union three children became his—Mary, Vincent, and John, deceased. The mother died April 29, 1885, aged thirty years, and in 1890 Mr. Travers again was joined in marriage to Ellen Hannon, daughter of James Hannon of New Castle, and this union has been prolific of five children, John, Helen, Joseph, James, and John, the second. Mr. Travers is a loyal member of the Catholic Church, and socially he belongs to the organization of Catholic Knights of America, Branch 555, of New Castle. Mr. Travers is an unyielding Democrat, and active in local political matters, having served on the Democratic County Committee, but he has no great desire to distinguish himself as a public officer.

WILLIAM BLANCHARD, deceased, who during a large portion of his life was identified with the manufacturing interests of Fallston, Pa., as a maker of edge tools, and spending the latter part of his life as an agriculturist of Taylor township, Lawrence County, was born in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1797, and departed this life in 1889, being then in his ninety-third year. He was a son of James and Elizabeth (Howe) Blanchard, both of whom were natives of the Bay State. James Blanchard was a prominent farmer of the town of which he was a citizen. They were Congregationalists in their religious belief; their children numbered nine in all, as follows: William, our subject, Catherine; Sanford; Eliza; Liberty; Harriet; Harvey; and two that died in infancy.

After obtaining an education in the schools of his native place Mr. Blanchard learned the tool maker's trade, and until late in life was engaged in manufacturing, being located in Fallston a large part of the time. Arriving at the years when men long for rural life, Mr. Blanchard purchased a farm in Taylor township, Lawrence County, and spent the sunset of life in calm and retirement. He was a very active man, could not be induced to cease entirely from work even in his last years, and took a hearty interest in all public affairs. In his political affiliations he was a firm Republican, but did not have time to seek political honors.

Mr. Blanchard was twice married. His first wife was Jane Simison of Waterford, Ohio. His second wife was Mary Simpson, a daughter of John and Eliza (Sample) Simpson of Pittsburg, Pa. By this second union there were born three children, two of whom now survive. Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1862, married S. S. C. McGrew of Canton, Ohio, and to them were given six children: William B.; Carl; Fred; Samuel S. C.; Mary E.; and Katherine. Harriet F., the other surviving child, lives at home. The family are Presbyterians in their religious belief.

DR. MARK F. TONER, who is engaged in building up a splendid practice as a skillful physician and surgeon in the city of New Castle, where he has been located since 1893, is a native of Pennsylvania, being ushered into this world Aug. 21, 1867, in Westmoreland County. He is a son of James and Ann (Burgoon) To-

ner, the former of Lancaster, Pa., and the latter a native of Westmoreland Co., Pa.

The father of our subject was a tanner by trade, and followed that occupation all of the active period of his life, retiring from labor twenty years previous to his death, which took place in 1877, when he was aged sixty-five years. He was a prominent man of his section and very influential in political circles, in which he figured as a leading Democrat. His wife, who passed away in 1882, bore him thirteen children, as follows: Bridget; Joseph; John; Martha A.; James; Mary; Peter; Arthur; Alice; Francis; and Mark F.; the remainder of the family did not grow up to maturity. Bridget married P. M. Kirwin of Pittsburg, Pa., and had four children, Mary, Honora, Arthur, and Pauline. Joseph married Susan Layton of Derry, Pa., and their union resulted in the following family: James L., John, William, Joseph, Augusta, Mary, and Pauline. Martha A. married Edward O'Brien of Westmoreland Co., Pa., and to them were given Mary, Louis, Alice, and Edward. James married Catherine Botzem of Westmoreland Co., Pa., now deceased, and three children were born to them, William, Louis, and Anna. Mary married Edward Layton and has two children living, Anna and Arthur. The family were communicants of the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Toner's collegiate education was secured in St. Vincent's College of Westmoreland Co., Pa.; upon the completion of his course in that institution, and after a course of reading medicine under Dr. J. C. Cline of Derry Station, he entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated in 1893. He at once

located in New Castle, where he has established a general office practice at 106 South Jefferson Street, that is highly creditable to one whose years of professional activity have been comparatively few. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow-practitioners, and of a large circle of patrons, and is considered to be thoroughly competent to treat any case successfully which comes up in a general practice. He is a member of the Lawrence County Medical Society, and officiated as its secretary for two years.

CHARLES DUFFY, deceased, who in life was prominently connected with many important interests of the city of New Castle, was born in the neighboring county of Butler, this State, and was a son of Daniel and Hannah Duffy, who were natives of the Keystone State.

Daniel Duffy followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and well merited the success with which he met. He and his wife were members of the Catholic Church.

Our subject, having completed a common school education in the school of Monroesville, Pa., took up the pursuit of boating between Pittsburg and Philadelphia; the boats that were used were called section-boats, that is, they were so constructed that they could be taken apart and put together again with very little trouble, thus facilitating the passage over the mountains. After a number of years were spent in this employment he came to New Castle, where he engaged in a freight and passenger transportation business, running a horse packet between New

Castle and Brighton, Pa. This venture proved very profitable and was continued up to the time of the advent of the railroad, which of course put a stop to the traffic by offering superior means of communication. He next saw money in the hotel business, and ran a hotel a number of months. He was also engaged in the real estate business to some extent, and New Castle is indebted to him for many improvements in her surroundings and in the rapid progress she has made. Mr. Duffy was also connected with the iron business with Messrs. A. L. Crawford, Wilder, and others, well known to citizens of Lawrence County. Our subject was one of those cheery, companionable men, whom everyone delights to know, and who go through the world surrounded with friends, and at death leave many to mourn their departure. His success in a financial sense was quite phenomenal, but still was what might be looked for from a man who, commencing at the lowest round of life's ladder, raised himself to a position among the most highly esteemed men of this part of the State, as a self-made man, whose chief characteristics were energy and pluck and a wonderful determination to succeed. His death took place very suddenly in 1883. He was a Catholic in belief.

He married Delilah Painter, daughter of William and Eliza (Brewer) Painter, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland Co., Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Duffy were born two children: William A., deceased; and Hannah E., who married William Cary Cobough of New Castle, Pa., and had three children: Arabella C.; Charles D.; and Eva, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cobough are deceased.

CHARLES F. ALBORN, the manager of Big Run Mill of Alborn & Son, located in Shenango township, not far from New Castle, was born in Franklin township, Beaver Co., Pa., Oct. 11, 1865, and is a son of Henry C. and Caroline (Young) Alborn, and grandson of Augustus and Christiana (Elias) Alborn.

Our subject's grandmother was born near the village of Fuerstenhaagen, Germany, where her parents lived and died. Augustus Alborn was a miller when a resident of Germany, but after coming to this country in the summer of 1846 he followed agricultural pursuits. Landing in Baltimore, Md., after a long sea-voyage of 51 days from Bremen, he went direct to Pittsburg, and thence to Beaver County to the home of kinsfolks, who had preceded him to the New World. Commencing with fifty-five acres he succeeded so well that he came at length to own one hundred acres besides. His death took place in December, 1885, when he was aged seventy-eight years. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

Henry C. Alborn was born in Germany, and was the oldest of five children born to his parents, three of whom were born in the Fatherland; he was seven years old when his parents brought him with them to the United States. He was educated in Butler County, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years old. He then began for himself, first on a farm, which he rented from his father, and then on a farm of 100 acres which he purchased in Perry township, this county. He next transferred the scenes of his labors to Franklin township, near his father, where he operated a farm of seventy-five acres for ten years. He bought

his present farm in 1874 of ninety-six acres in Shenango township, and has since devoted himself to general mixed farming and to cider-making. His wife, who was born in the village of Deutchweilër, Rheinfels, Bavaria, was a daughter of John and Mary (Miller) Young, the latter a daughter of Jacob Miller, a tailor by trade, who lived and died in Germany. John Young came to the United States in 1852, and at once became a resident of Butler County, where his uncle lived. A year after his arrival he bought a farm of fifty-six acres, and made it his home until his death in 1858, aged fifty-two years. Six children were born in the family of our subject's parents, as follows: Mary Ellen, deceased; Caroline, the wife of Rev. Ivan Dietrich of Allegheny City, to whom she has presented four children—Theodore, Hilda, Luther, and Herman; Charles F., the subject of this brief biography; Henry; Tillie; and Frank. Our subject's parents are members of the Lutheran Church, and his father votes the Democratic ticket.

Charles F. Alborn lived in Franklin township, Beaver County, until he was eight years old, when the family moved to Lawrence County, and made its home on what was known as the McEwen farm. He attended school in Beaver and Lawrence counties until he was eighteen years of age, and remained at home until he was twenty-three, when he learned the business of milling at Big Run Mill, under the instruction of E. D. Failer. After the mill was burned, Mr. Alborn and his father bought the mill site, including the dam, pond and water rights, besides eight acres of adjoining land, and erected the present mill, which is fully equipped for making the finest of bolted flour, as well as grinding

feed and other grist. The mill is fitted out with suitable machinery and engines, so that the water power may at any time be reinforced or entirely supplanted by steam-power. As the entire product finds a ready local market, the firm is not required to look elsewhere for trade. Mr. Alborn is orderly, systematic and a great "hustler," and the result of such valuable characteristics aiding him in his work is that the business is prospering and yields handsome profits to the firm.

Mr. Alborn was married Jan. 21, 1892, at the residence of the bride's parents, to Annie M. Weinschenk, daughter of George G. Weinschenk, whose life sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Three children have blessed this union: Carrie Alice; Emanuel Henry; and Carl Louis. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Alborn has independent views in politics.

PHILIP T. COURTNEY. Among the brainy young men of the city of New Castle, whose future seems especially bright, there are few whom it would give us greater pleasure to give a place in this Book of Biographies than the gentleman whose name heads this short sketch. The present age is an age of inventions and labor-saving devices, and special attention has been given in late years to the study of mechanics; our subject is an expert on mechanical contrivances and inventions, and quite a number of patents on various processes and utensils in the manufacture of iron have been taken out under the direction of Mr. Courtney.

The subject of this sketch was born March 8, 1868, and is a son of David M. and Lizzie C. (Curran) Courtney, the former of Mercer Co., Pa., and the latter a native of Zanesville, Ohio. David M. Courtney was born in Wolf Creek, Pa., in 1810, and after obtaining a common school education in the schools of his native place, worked in an iron furnace. Later on he took charge of a furnace for a few years, finally removing to New Castle, where he engaged in a general mercantile business on Neshannock Avenue. He was a prominent man in public affairs, and as a Democrat was elected to the office of county commissioner. He was twice married. His first wife was Violetta Fox of New Castle, and from this union there resulted the following children: Charlie F.; Henry, deceased; Ellen (Mrs. Edward Patterson); Thomas; Anna; and Edward L. After his first wife's death he was again joined in marriage, the bride being Elizabeth C. Curran, daughter of Brice Curran; this took place in 1867. Two children were the fruit of this union: Philip T. and Mary W.

Our subject was a pupil of the New Castle schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he learned the machinist's trade and worked at pattern-making about two years. At the age of twenty years he turned his attention to mechanical drawing, and has been more or less engaged in that occupation since as an experienced draughtsman; he has made several designs from which valuable machines have been constructed for use in the manufacture of iron. It was chiefly through Mr. Courtney's untiring efforts that the New Castle Tube Mill located at New Castle, and he is interested in its financial suc-

cess as a stockholder in the concern. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of a horseless carriage. Mr. Courtney is a man of rare mechanical ability, and will some time rank among America's noted inventors. He is a Democrat politically.

WILLIAM C. HESS, the sole proprietor and manager of the English Kitchen Lunch Room of No. 8, South Mercer Street, New Castle, Lawrence County, was born in the above city June 6, 1857. He is descended from a good German family, his father being Charles Hess of Baden, and his mother being Dorothy Apple of Bavaria.

When the father of our subject came to this country, he engaged in the meat business, and has followed it ever since he became a resident of New Castle. There were born to our subject's parents ten children, of whom the following lived to maturity: Emily, who married H. B. Schweitzer of Pittsburg, Pa., and has three children, Lester, Ethel, and Mary E.; Frank G., who married a Miss Summer of Niles, Ohio, and has two children, Ward and Carl; Margaret, who married Fred Rawle of Texas; Matilda, who married Herman Abbott of Allegheny, Pa., and has borne him one child, Mildred; W. Minnie; and Paul. He still survives his wife, who died May 30, 1884, aged forty-nine years.

William C. Hess was educated in the public schools of New Castle, and by diligent efforts secured an excellent basis for a successful business life. When a young man he went into his father's shop and learned the butcher's trade,

and followed it steadily for sixteen years, until 1892, when he purchased his present business. He has made of his restaurant one of the most popular resorts in the city to obtain a good meal or a short order lunch; it is run on strictly business principles, is patronized by a very desirable class of customers, and offers many advantages to those in search of good, wholesome food.

In 1883 our subject was joined in marriage with Marian Schafer, daughter of H. H. Schafer of New Castle, and their family now consists of these children: Herman; Wilhelmina D., deceased; Marian; Helen, deceased; and Bertrand, deceased. The family are regular attendants of the Lutheran Church. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias organization, also of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics.

JOHN W. KNOX,* one of New Castle's most enterprising citizens, and prominently connected with many of the large manufacturing interests, is the president of the Lawrence Glass Co., and secretary and treasurer of the Shenango Glass Co., both of New Castle, which are among the largest producers of glass in the United States, and have established an excellent reputation, which is of the best in the trade.

Our subject is a native of the Keystone State, and was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 20, 1846, and is a son of George and Mary (Shubley) Knox, also natives of Pittsburg. Our subject's father passed his early life in his native city, engaged as a contractor and builder, but at

length tiring of city life, and desiring to raise his family in the country, he bought a farm at Marietta, Ohio, and made his home at that place for many years, coming to be widely known throughout his own county as a leading and progressive farmer, whose methods of agriculture were sure to be practical, and whose efforts were invariably crowned with success. After a long life, spent in honest toil, he retired from the active work incident to his occupation, and at present lives at Smithton, Mo., at the age of seventy-three. His wife died when about sixty-seven years of age. They became the parents of ten children, of whom all are living but three; the record is: Henry, who was killed at Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., in 1862; John W.; Mary; George E.; Elizabeth; Edward; Charles; twin brothers, Samuel and Fred (the latter of whom died when an infant, and Samuel at the age of ten); and William. Our subject's father was a Democrat in his early life, but was never a man who cared for or aspired to any political preferment.

John W. assisted his father in the work of the farm during the years of his boyhood, and in the school of experience, and from instruction imparted to him by his respected parent, he acquired those excellent business principles which have contributed so much toward making him a successful man. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. F, 100th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served through the remainder of the war, passing through many engagements in front of Petersburg and Richmond, Va., and received an honorable discharge upon the mustering out of the regiment. At the close of the war he took up his residence in New Castle, and became clerk for his uncle, John

Knox, who was proprietor of the Knox House, and remained with him until 1871, when he leased the property, bought the furniture and fixtures, and conducted the establishment until 1873, when the building was destroyed by fire; on its site has since been erected the Knox Block. Then Mr. Knox bought and ran the hotel, now known as the Fountain Inn, making many improvements in its arrangements and conveniences, and catering to a very desirable class of patrons. In 1874 he sold his hotel property, and entered the real estate business with Mr. Harbison, under the firm name of Harbison & Knox, which has lately been changed to Knox & Morehead. In 1877, with W. S. Foltz and Forbes Holton, he leased the Croton Glass Works and manufactured window glass until 1881, when he sold his interest, and, with W. S. Foltz, bought the Lawrence Agricultural Implements Factory, and remodeled it into a window glass manufactory, and produced glass under the firm name of Knox & Foltz, Limited, with W. S. Foltz as president and John W. Knox as secretary and treasurer. In 1893 the company was reorganized and incorporated as the Shenango Glass Co., Messrs. Foltz and Knox retaining the same positions as in the former concern. In 1893 the factory burned down, and they immediately rebuilt on the most generous plan, utilizing five acres of ground for the various structures. The factory includes the following buildings: A main factory building, 90x204; flattening house, 90x146; cutting house, 62x112; packing house, 40x60; pot and clay house, 40x60, with an ell, 30x60; stock house, 27x70; two warehouses, one 40x100, and the other 40x180; a boiler house, 120x30; blacksmith shop, 24x24;

box factory, 52x60; storage house, 40x60; ice house, 16x24; stable, 30x60; two private side-tracks that give the factory the service of the Pennsylvania R. R.; and an elegant office. Thus the equipment and means for the getting out of a large product are of the best; the firm has about three hundred men on its pay-rolls. In 1879, with N. W. Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio, I. W. Pope of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, R. S. and W. S. Foltz of New Castle, Mr. Knox bought the plant known as the Neshannock Paper Co. Immediately on assuming charge of their new holdings the company remodeled the buildings then in use, secured more space, extended their works in every direction, and built the necessary new structures, introducing the latest and most approved types of machinery. They now have one of the largest and most modern plants of the kind in the country, manufacturing paper under the firm name of the New Castle Paper Co., with J. W. Knox as president and I. W. Pope as secretary and treasurer. Besides having full charge of the Shenango Glass Co.'s work and being so deeply interested in the manufacture of paper, Mr. Knox is president of the Lawrence Manufacturing Co., an active member of the important insurance and real estate firm of Knox & Morehead, a stockholder in the New Castle Steel and Tin Plate Co., and in the Clinton Coal Co., a director of the First National Bank of New Castle, and a leading figure in many other enterprises of a commercial nature with which he has been connected. He deserves to rank among the first of New Castle's citizens, and is entitled to the high esteem in which he is held, for his success is of the solid, substantial kind, and has been achieved by his own unaided

efforts. His splendid business career, which we have every reason to think has but just begun, is an example of what may be done by American citizens, and offers an incentive to young men, just entering a business career, to strive for the best and highest point.

Mr. Knox married Sue G. McClary, daughter of Joseph McClary of Philadelphia, Pa. His finely appointed residence is located at 117 North Mercer Street, and was built after his own plans. In politics he is a Republican, and although he has never sought any office whatever, he has served seven years as a member of the city council. In 1880 the Lawrence County Agricultural and Horticultural Society was organized, with D. H. Wallace, president; S. D. Long, treasurer; and J. W. Knox, secretary.

ALEXANDER M. GREEN,* a worthy citizen of Neshannock township and a successful farmer, was born in Clarendon township, Ohio, April 15, 1825, and is a son of George and Mary (McKinney) Green, both of whom were of English extraction and natives of Bradford, Pa. Thomas Green, the father of George and grandfather of Alexander, was a native of Susquehanna, Pa., near Stone Creek, and was a farmer by occupation. He owned and operated a farm in that town until 1838, when he sold out and moved with his family to the State of Ohio, where he lived with his son the remainder of his life. He was quite successful in life, and exhibited many business traits that placed him above the ordinary citizen in intelligence and general

ability to make the best of things. He was also a man who took a hearty interest in local politics, and as a Whig partisan was elected squire, tax collector, and assessor at different periods. He married Hannah Grigsby, like himself a native of Susquehanna, Pa., and the following named children were born to them: Elisha; Jonathan; George; Betsey; and Rachel. Their religious belief made them devout members of the M. E. Church. Thomas Green died in 1841, having attained the very extraordinary age of ninety-six years; his wife was called to her long home in the year previous, aged eighty-five years.

George Green, the father of Alexander, was educated in the schools of Bedford, Pa., and when a young man turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, remaining in the locality of his boyhood until 1825, when he moved to Ohio, where he purchased a farming tract of three hundred acres, then in its natural, wild state, which he placed in excellent condition, securing for himself by his labors intelligently directed a leading position among the agriculturists of his township. He was a very active man, with a well-trained mind that aided him to no small degree in his work. In politics he was a Whig, and filled several of the elective township offices, which shows in part in how great estimation he was held by his associates. He married Mary McKinney, daughter of Alexander McKinney, and their union was blessed with seven children, viz.: Amanda, who married William Y. Greer of Neshannock township, and bore him three children, George, Charles, and Nettie, deceased; Andrew, who married Caroline Dimmick of the State of Connecticut; Thomas J., who married Hannah

Metzgar of Philadelphia, by whom he had two sons, Charles and John; George; Franklin, who married Jane Babcock of Montville township, Ohio, they had two children, James and Nettie; one that died in infancy; and Alexander, the subject of this notice. They were Methodists in their religious convictions. Our subject's father died Aug. 1, 1880, aged eighty-seven years, and his mother in October, 1867, aged sixty-three years.

Alexander Green, after completing his education in the district schools of his native township, remained on the home farm until his twenty-first year, when he came to Pulaski township. In 1851 he purchased 132 acres of land, on which he lived and farmed until the spring of 1853, when he moved back to Ohio, where he made his residence until the spring of 1857, when he came to Neshannock township and bought the farm he now owns, and on which he has since remained, engrossed in agricultural operations, in which he has proved himself to be a successful manager.

He was joined in holy matrimony with Rebecca J. Hunt, daughter of William and Lue (Newkirk) Hunt of Beaver Co., Pa., and their home has been blessed with the following children: Mary E., born Jan. 28, 1853, married Isaac S. Thomas of Pittsburg, and has one child, E. Clara; William E., deceased; George Mc, born Sept. 9, 1857, married Annie Bowman of Bedford Co., Pa., and has two children, Freddie Mc and Jasper N.; Luella, born Nov. 26, 1859, married Peter Snyder of Edinburg, Pa., and five children were born to them, Fay, Eva, William, Edith, and Carrie, deceased; Eudora H., born April 28, 1862, but now deceased, married

Charles Ferver of Pulaski township, and five children resulted, Percy, George, W. Verne and William E., Beatrice; Carrie E., born March 26, 1865, married Samuel M. Cover of New Castle, Pa.; Delmer V., born March 7, 1868, married Bertha Schaffer of Mercer, Pa.; and Harry T., who was born Nov. 23, 1873, and married Mary Sweasy of Middlesex township, Pa. Mrs. Green is a member in good standing of the M. E. Church of Neshannock township, Pa.

JOHN H. PRESTON,* the general manager of the New Castle Seamless Steel Tube Co., was born in Mercer Co., Pa., and has been a resident of New Castle since 1867. He is a son of Marcus and Dorothy (Yealy) Preston, and grandson of Bencunias Preston, who was a noted surveyor of his day, and ran the lines in Chautauqua County, and in various localities of Western New York. He was also engaged in agricultural pursuits to no small extent and profit, and owned large tracts of land. His son Marcus was born in the western part of New York, and early in life settled at Sharon, Mercer County, on the so-called Donation Tract. He devoted his energies to the lumber business, but died at the age of thirty-five. His wife, Dorothy, died Oct. 31, 1896, aged eighty-five years. Six children were born to them, of whom four are living; the record reads: Sylvester H.; Rebecca M., deceased; Mary A., deceased; George L.; James H.; and John H., the subject of this sketch.

John H. Preston, after serving a full apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, worked as a

journeyman until 1865, serving five months in the meantime in Capt. George Summer's Independent Militia Company. From 1874 to 1882 he carried on contracting in New Castle and elsewhere, and then entered into the lumber business, running a planing mill and keeping in stock a large and complete line of builders' supplies at New Castle. In 1891 our subject sold the lumber business to the New Castle Lumber Co., now known as the Gailey Lumber Co. Then, as his general health was not of the best, he decided to retire and enjoy the remaining years of his life in the home he had built for himself at 102 Court Street. Some of the best of his work as a builder may be seen in the City Building and in the County Jail at New Castle. But his retirement was brought to a close July 2, 1894, and he again entered the walks of active business life, for he had become a heavy stockholder in the New Castle Steel Tube Co., which was then being organized, and, with others likewise interested in the venture, established and built the New Castle Tube Factory, providing as a site a part of the old Fair Grounds, which was purchased for that purpose. The main building, 737 feet long by 11 feet wide, and the roller mill, 80 by 180, were opened for active operations in January, 1895, and the factory started in to work with four forges, two heating furnaces, two trains of rollers, and two 150-pound hammers. The product of the factory, which is known to bicycle manufacturers as the New Castle High Grade Seamless Steel Tubing for Bicycles, has a demand in the United States and in England. Employment is given to about 260 men in getting out the annual product of 12,000,000 feet, or 4,000 tons.

The company is officered as follows: John Stevenson, Jr., president; John H. Preston, general manager; and D. C. Wallace, secretary and treasurer. Our subject also, in company with E. T. Kurtz, L. D. Long, and James H. Preston, bought the remainder of the Fair Grounds, formerly a part of the Long estate, and besides selling many building lots, they have laid out streets and walks and built twenty-two houses, which they let principally to employees of the Tube Co.

Mr. Preston is a staunch Republican, a member of the G. A. R. Post, and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. His first wife, Mary M., daughter of Robert and Dora Welsh of New Castle, died at the age of thirty-two, leaving three children: Minnie and Lulu, now deceased; and Harry, who at the age of twenty-one is billing clerk for the New Castle Tube Co. Mr. Preston married as his second wife Susie S. Welsh, a sister of Mary M., and has had six children by this union: George; John; Charles; Marcus; Martha; and Roy.

Our subject's grandfather was an early resident of Cumberland Co., Pa., and sheriff of Carlisle, Pa., where in early life he was engaged in the mercantile business, also doing considerable teaming. He served in the War of 1812, and lived to be upwards of eighty years of age, as did his wife also. The children born to them were: Mrs. Kimball; Rodolf; John; and Jacob.

Late in life John Sheaffer, our subject's father, moved to Wilkins, Allegheny Co., Pa., and began dealing in lime. Subsequently he bought a farm and hotel on the Pittsburg and Greenburg turnpike, the hotel known as the Sheaffer House, where he lived until the Angel of Death summoned him to his long home, May 25, 1894. His birth took place in 1805, so that he nearly completed ninety years. His wife, who was born in the same year as he, is living with her daughter, Mrs. Dowd, in Penn township. She often tells of the hardships and trials of the early days, when she was a child, during the troubles on the border with the Indians; on one occasion she was taken in her mother's arms to the block-house near Freeport, where, with other fugitives, they were obliged to remain until the blood-thirsty redskins had retired from the war-path, and were ready to smoke the pipe of peace with their white brothers. At this writing she is enjoying her second eye-sight, can hear well, and is able to help about the house by performing many necessary though light duties. She has always been a great worker in religious circles, and is now a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church; her knowledge of the Scripture is nothing short of wonderful, and it is not going beyond the bounds of veracity to affirm that there is no portion of the Good Book with

HON. JOHN SHEAFFER,* associate judge of New Castle, possesses an excellent record, rarely bettered in all its particulars, as a patriotic, law-abiding, and loyal citizen, as a gallant and courageous soldier on the field of battle in defense of his country, and as a judge on the bench. He was born in Wilkins township, Allegheny Co., Pa., Dec. 10, 1838, and is a son of John and Lucy Ann (McIntyre) Sheaffer, and grandson of John Sheaffer.

which she is not familiar. She has reared the following eleven children: Caroline, who married J. Knox; Margaret is deceased; William is a resident of Pittsburg; Mary married S. Dhlem; John is the subject of this brief article; Harry is deceased; as is Elizabeth, Jerry, and James E.; Lenora married J. Collins; Harriet is deceased. Our subject's father was a Whig and later a Republican, and as an active politician held many of the town offices. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Sheaffer assisted his father in the farm work and in the duties attendant upon keeping a public house, and then entered the railroad service as a fireman. In 1861, responding with alacrity and good-will to the call for troops to put down the rebellion, he enlisted in Co. A, 101st Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and went to the front under Gen. McClellan and took part in the fighting at the siege of Yorktown. From there he went with his regiment to Williamsburg, and fought thereafter in the battles of Button Bridge, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, and in the Seven Days fighting before Richmond; he served also with credit to himself in the battles of Kingston, White Hall, Goldsboro, and Plymouth. He had enlisted for three years, and at the expiration of his term of service he re-enrolled his name and served from then to the close of the war, never losing a day. His courage and indomitable will is known to his fellow-citizens of New Castle to-day; this fortitude was exhibited in large measure in the army—he was always to the front and eager for volunteer and adventurous service; he escaped bodily injury from missiles, seeming to bear a charmed life on

the field of carnage, for his clothes were pierced time and time again with minie bullets. At the battle of Fort Comfort he, with his entire regiment, was captured May 3, 1864, and the entire command was marched to Andersonville Prison, where Mr. Sheaffer suffered from being deprived of sufficient food and water, and what he did receive was hardly good enough to throw to swine. Daily he saw those who were of weaker constitutions than himself waste away and die a miserable death, and when but a few of the regiment were left they were transferred, in September, to Florence, where a new prison had been fitted up to relieve the congested condition of Andersonville. There he was appointed hospital sergeant, and making use of the liberty allowed him, he with six others, on Oct. 2, 1864, managed to make his escape, swimming and fording rivers, to avoid the traveled highways. They were again taken prisoners at Conwayboro, after a hard tramp of forty miles, full of privation and exposure, but they soon made their escape, and were again taken prisoners at Clinton on Nov. 11, 1864; however, they only delayed long enough with their captors to snatch a brief rest, and then secured their liberty once more. On Nov. 11, 1864, Mr. Sheaffer reached Newburn, where he applied for a veteran's furlough, which he had not received since joining the army; upon receiving it he came home and was taken sick there, but when he regained his health he returned to the army in April, 1865, and was discharged in June, 1865, at the close of the war. He then came to Lawrence County, and for nine years was a clerk in the Knox Hotel at New Castle, and to-day owns the old homestead. He is now retired, although

active in all interests pertaining to the improvement and progress of the county. He was elected associate judge in 1892, and has held the office since. He is a member of the local G. A. R. Post.

Mr. Sheaffer married Miss Harriet Robert, daughter of Samuel Robert of Shenango township, and has eight children by this union, all of whom are living, and their names and occupations are as follows: Charles A., a clerk; John T., a tailor; William H., a merchant tailor; Edwin R., a merchant tailor; Walter B., a glass-maker; Jay R., a tailor; James A., and Oscar, who live at home with their parents.

MAJOR HENRY DRESCHER,* wagon manufacturer and repairer of New Castle, was born in Saxony, Germany, April 23, 1836, and is a son of Andrew and Rachel (Senkel) Drescher, and grandson of Joseph Drescher. Our subject's grandfather never came to America, but his son, Andrew, who was born in Saxony, came to the United States when Henry, our subject, was a baby. Andrew Drescher was a carpenter and settled in Butler County, and followed his trade, buying a home in Saxonyburg and owning a small farm. At the age of fifty-five he fell from a load of hay and sustained fatal injuries, which soon brought on death. His wife lived to enjoy eighty-two years; she obtained her second eyesight and could see so as to read and hear very well, and on her 80th birthday, when her son, the subject of this sketch, gave her a birthday reception, she

waltzed as lightly as in her youthful days. She was the mother of six children, namely: Christina; Hannah; Maj. Henry; William F.; Pauline; and a son, who died when an infant.

When a young man our subject looked about him for a suitable trade to engage in and become familiar with, and deciding on the wagon-maker's trade, he worked at that occupation fourteen years in Butler County before coming to New Castle in 1881. When he moved to this county he opened up in business directly for the manufacture of heavy wagons and all kinds of wagon repairing; each year he turned out a large number of orders, that were executed in a first-class manner, and were in every way substantial and serviceable, and many of his wagons, made during his first year's residence in New Castle, are being used at this date, and bid fair to last much longer, and give their owners all the service that could possibly be expected. He now devotes his time and labors principally to repairing. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. E, 169th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., for a nine months' term of service, and upon its expiration he re-enlisted in Co. E, 78th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and was mustered out of the service at the close of the war as drum major. He is a natural musician, and in his younger days was associated with the band. Upon deciding to remain in New Castle he bought himself a home on Lawrence Street, where he has lived since. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias order for twenty-six years, and has been through the chairs three times; for twenty years he has officiated as secretary and keeper of the records.

In March, 1858, Maj. Drescher was joined in the holy bond of matrimony with Miss Mary E.

Eriser, daughter of Frederick Eriser, and three children have come into the home to cheer and brighten it, namely: Annie, who died in youth; William, who married Mary D. Quimbley, is a wagon-maker by trade, and has two children, Edna and Bruce; Joseph, the youngest of our subject's children, did not live to grow up, but was taken back to Him who gave him.

ALEXANDER JORDAN,* a representative and enterprising farmer of Washington township, belongs to a family that has had more to do with the upbuilding of the portion of Lawrence County in which its founder settled than any other. The pioneer Jordan, Henry by name, the great-grandfather of the subject of this narrative, was one of the men who at a very early date made a home in the wilderness of Western Pennsylvania, forced to be content with the wandering Indians and the wild beasts of the woods for companions. Henry Jordan, the elder, came from Germany, when a young man, about 1762; he served through the Revolutionary War, and at its close sought a place where he could obtain a home cheaply and grow up with the country. His instincts led him to agricultural lines, and in search of a suitable home he took his family and struck out over the mountains, bound for a district which he had heard was beautiful and fertile, and which was as yet virgin land to the settler. He arrived in Washington township and soon found a location to his liking, where he took up a vast tract of timber-covered land. Here he started in to

build a home for himself and for those who should come later. His estate was cleared mainly by his own strong arm and a house was erected which was, for those days, considered spacious and elegant. His wife, Elizabeth, bore him a family of ten children, who were named as follows: Elizabeth; Margaret; John; Henry; Ann; Mary; George and Daniel, twins; Mercy; and Michael.

Of the foregoing family Henry was the grandfather of our subject. He was born east of the mountains and lived in Baltimore, Md., for a period when a young man; he followed his father to his new home, and was assisted in buying a large farm of 200 acres near the home place. This farm of his, which was almost entirely new land, remained his home for the remainder of his life; he had the full arduous experience of the pioneer farmer in reclaiming the soil from the forests. He built a house, which is now standing as a monument of how well he did his work. To him and his beloved wife a family of eight children came, namely: Alexander, our subject's father; Elizabeth; Margaret; Henry; the place is especially well adapted. Mr. Jordan was a Miss Anna Anderson, a daughter of Alexander Anderson, a native of Ireland. Henry Jordan brought his family up in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and from him his sons inherited the soundest kind of Democratic doctrine. He lived to see his ninety-third year.

Alexander Jordan, Sr., was born and grew to manhood in Washington township. Agricultural pursuits claimed his time and attention. He was early impressed with the resources of his native section, and labored hard and faithfully to develop them. He brought his farm into en-

tire subjection, improved it with new buildings and a splendid system of underdraining, and was a very successful and progressive breeder of stock. He died at the age of sixty-nine, leaving his second wife, who was a Miss Julia Cooper, and two children by the second marriage—Nancy J. and John A. His first wife's maiden name was Margaret McComb, and she bore him five children: Alexander; Henry; Elizabeth; Rebecca; and Sarah Ann. In their church ideas they held to the traditions of the family, and kept up a close connection with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jordan was affiliated with the Democratic party, and was fearless and unreserved in expressing his opinions and ideas.

Alexander Jordan, our subject, began his life Aug. 15, 1855. While still a lad he learned the business ways and the agricultural methods that have made the family name well-known through Lawrence County, and have contributed so much to our subject's own prosperity. He inherited his farm from his father, and it could not have fallen into better or worthier hands. He has followed the same line of farming as did his father before him, a style of farming to which the place is especially well adapted. Mr. Jordan's wife is Agnes (Pasley) Jordan, who was born of a prominent family in Lancaster, Pa. They are both attendants of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr Jordan is a young man for one who has accomplished so much. He finds time for all things, and keeps well-posted on the events of the present day, and the progress and material development of this end of the nineteenth century. He has all the native shrewdness and sound judgment that one expects to find in a

Jordan, and is on all sides cordially liked and highly esteemed. As to his politics, Mr. Jordan is naturally a Democrat, dyed-in-the-wool, as it were, but beyond his giving his allegiance to that party from custom, he has good and sufficient reasons for his choice. He has acceptably filled several offices, among which might be named those of assessor and school director. In all matters, whether great or small, he is a typical American citizen, and an upright, straightforward man, whom it is a real pleasure to meet.

DR. LEANDER F. CAIN,* the able editor and proprietor of the Ellwood Motor, an eight-page, six-column weekly paper of Ellwood City, and one of the most popular of the excellent body of citizens, who have made that thriving little city what it is to-day, was born in Caldwell, Marion Co., Ohio, July 21, 1856. Versatility and readiness to adapt himself to the most trying situations seem to be leading characteristics in the make-up of our subject. In him may be found the representative of three leading professions—law, medicine and journalism—in each of which he has achieved a reputation for thorough, earnest and reliable work. As a journalist his history since coming to Ellwood City in 1895 is inseparably linked with the city of his choice.

His father, James Cain, was a school-teacher in Marion County for forty years, and then engaged in mercantile life for ten years in Enoch, Ohio, after which he bought a farm and spent

the remainder of his years near to Nature's heart, dying at the age of seventy-four.

The subject of this writing attended the common schools until he was prepared for college, and finished his collegiate course in 1879. He taught school for a while, but did not inherit his father's taste for instructing the young, so he entered the law office of Semtis & Grubbs in Indiana, where he studied law until his admittance to the bar in 1881. He practiced in his profession, and met with some difficult cases, which he handled with credit to himself, but more and more he felt impelled to study medicine, so he became a student in the Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, from which institution he was graduated as a physician and surgeon in 1885. For six years previous to his coming to Ellwood City, he was practicing law in Hutchinson, Kansas; upon becoming a citizen of Wayne township's metropolis, he purchased the *Motor*, a weekly paper, that was established in 1893 by A. L. Weighe, who was succeeded as editor and proprietor by John Mellon, the immediate predecessor of Dr. Cain. The present proprietor has made it his aim to give the people of the vicinity and of neighboring counties a readable, newsy sheet, which will outline the daily occurrences of the preceding week, furnish local items of interest, and provide bright, clean literature for the home and fireside. The circulation of the paper has shown the effect that his stimulus had upon it by mounting in two years from 475 to 1,000 copies; the size of the paper has been enlarged to meet the demands from a five-column sheet to a six-column paper. The *Motor* advocates the best of Republican doctrines, and is conducted in a spirited

manner, as Dr. Cain had considerable experience in political life, and needs no instruction how to wield his lance, or where to direct the attack. He is a fluent, ready speaker, a gift that was perfected by his experience at the bar, and stumped Western Pennsylvania and Ohio in the exciting campaign of 1896, proving of great assistance to the party.

Dr. Cain has an extensive membership in fraternal brotherhoods. He belongs to the Legion of Honor, Protected Home Circle, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In Indiana he became a Mason. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Knights of Pythias, in each of which orders he is a Past Grand. Dr. Cain was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Quintella J. Wiley, daughter of Samuel Wiley of Sharon, Ohio, and Dr. and Mrs. Cain are the proud and happy parents of five children. Carl D. is his father's assistant in the *Motor* office; Wiley M. lived for the brief space of nineteen months to gladden the home; James C. is a clerk in the office of the Hartman Manufacturing Co. of Ellwood City; Wilbur G. passed away at the age of nine months; and Josephine B., who is cherished as the only daughter.

MRS. ELZEDDA COVER,* a lady who has passed through many varied circumstances of life, is the widow of the late Hiram Cover, and a woman whose personality and agreeable traits are known to a large circle of friends and well-wishers about her home in Edenburg, Mahoning township, this county.

Hiram Cover, the beloved husband of the subject of our sketch, was in his lifetime a man of influence and tried uprightness. He was a son of Jacob and Lydia Cover, and belonged to a family which had much to do with shaping the earlier history of this section.

Jacob Cover was by occupation a farmer. He settled in Mahoning township in 1841, where he bought a farm of 118 acres, and on this place he remained until 1865. In addition to this property he owned a farm in Pulaski township, one in Slippery Rock township, and still another in Douglas Co., Kansas, which farms he usually rented. In 1865 he removed to Poland, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his active life. Besides being an extensive land-owner, he was a heavy dealer in and shipper of sheep, cattle, horses, etc. His wife, the mother of Hiram, was a Miss Lydia Robb. His decease occurred Jan. 8, 1882, when he was aged seventy-seven years; his wife passed away May 15, 1891, aged eighty-five years.

Hiram Cover was born in Mahoning township in 1836. He settled on a farm of his father's, which was called the Welsh place, and there spent his life, engaged in general farming. Becoming owner of the place, he inaugurated and brought to perfection many great improvements. He had a high ideal of what a well-kept farm should be, and his farm came very near being a model of excellence. The house was enlarged and tastefully remodeled, outer buildings reconstructed, fine orchards set out, waste land reclaimed and brought under cultivation, and a hundred and one other things done, which required constant effort, but which all tended to rendering the estate more productive, and to in-

creasing its value. A coal bank was found on the place and opened, and the whole place managed with a view of developing each latent resource to the best advantage. In business matters Hiram Cover was in every instance a man to be relied on. He was strict and careful in his accounts, insisting on his rights, and according to others what was justly their own. He was above all things a just man, and broad and fair in all his dealings. As a result of such characteristics success came to him, and at the same time the high respect and esteem of all who knew him. His sudden death, which came to him through blood poisoning from what seemed a very trifling hurt to his arm, was deeply deplored by all the community. He was taken to his heavenly home April 4, 1895, after a very brief illness. He was in political matters affiliated with the Republican party, and in church affairs was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Cover, our subject, was a daughter of good and respectable parents, Peter and Sarah (Cox) Shoaff. Her paternal great-grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Mink) Shoaff, who came into Ohio from a point near Baltimore, Md. Peter Shoaff, the elder, was a miller by occupation and lived to be seventy-five years old. He was twice married, and the children by his first wife were: Jacob; William; Katie; Peggie; Annie; and Elizabeth.

Jacob Shoaff, our subject's grandfather, was a miller and farmer of Shenango township. His wife was Catherine Cameron, by whom he had six children—Betsey, Peter, Thomas, Jacob, Annie, and James. Of these children Peter was the father of Mrs. Cover. He came into the

world in December, 1807, on a farm in Mahoning township. During the years of his early manhood he worked at shoemaking, but in 1834 he bought the William Cox farm of seventy-five acres in Union township; on this place, which is improved with many new buildings, he now resides at a hale and hearty old age. He wedded Sarah Cox, daughter of William Cox, and to them a family of eight children were given, as follows: Elzedda; Hester Ann; William S.; James S.; Revilla; Samuel C.; Leander; and Warren L. The kind of a constitution which the Shoaff family possess is vividly shown, when it is stated that Mr. Shoaff, at the age of ninety years, can hitch up his horse, drive to the city and transact business; this is generally a weekly occurrence, for he is undeterred except by disagreeable weather. His faithful wife was taken from him when she was eighty-seven years of age.

Mrs. Cover was wedded to her husband when both were in the first flush of young manhood and womanhood. All through his thrifty life she stood faithfully by his side, and was all that a true wife should be. His hardships were hers, and when prosperity came she accepted it as a good woman ought to. Five children blessed their home, of whom four are alive and fulfilling well their allotted destinies. They are by name: Bion Willis; Leon O.; Isa May; and Zella Grace. Bion Willis, the eldest of the family, was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Smith, and resides in Edenburg; their family consists of: Bessie; Fare; Ruby; and Guy. Leon O. married and resides on the adjoining farm. Isa May became the wife of Mr. G. Matthews and has a family of four children. Zella Grace is at home, and is

the comforter and caretaker of her beloved mother. Mrs. Cover is now in a period of life that permits her to look backward over the long road she has traveled. Time and experience have been her teachers, and she is in a position to give the best of counsel to a rising generation. She is of a very kindly disposition, and her gentle ways come from a heart full of genuine regard for all those whose privilege it is to belong to her wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

J. LESLIE MYLAND* is the leading baker and confectioner of the city of New Castle, with place of business and residence at Nos. 9 and 11 South Mercer Street. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 2, 1861, and was a son of William and Sarah Myland. The mother died recently aged seventy-five years. William Myland was a painter by trade, having served his apprenticeship in England; he emigrated from England to Canada, and moved thence to Cleveland, where he died in 1877.

Our subject was reared in Cleveland and attended the schools of that city until fifteen years of age, and then finished his education in Oberlin College, from which he graduated and received his diploma and degree in 1879. At Toledo, Ohio, he learned telegraphy, and as a telegraph operator was stationed at various times at London, Ont., Toronto, Winnipeg, Kingston, Ottawa, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Detroit, New Orleans, Frankfort, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Knoxville, Austin, New York, Rockwell City, Ia., Davenport, Great Forks, S. D., Minneapo-

lis, Duluth, and St. Louis. After coming to New Castle he met and married on October 22, 1888, Mrs. Maggie Wright, widow of Charles Wright, who was the proprietor of a small bakery, which employed but one helper. The bakery, thus coming into Mr. Myland's hands, has under his skilful and energetic management grown to such an extent, and so large a business and patronage has been developed, that it now requires five bakers to make up the daily product and five drivers and wagons to deliver it. When Mr. Myland began supervising the work there was a demand for only from twenty-five to thirty loaves a day, and only that many were produced; now, from twelve to thirteen hundred loaves of bread are baked daily. A great deal of shipping is done, and eight or ten of the surrounding towns are largely supplied with bakery goods. The product of the bakery is quite varied, consisting of thirteen varieties of bread, and of over one hundred varieties of cake. In addition to the bakery proper and the select line of confectionery, Mr. Myland carries a large stock of fine groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Myland have had two children; the eldest died in infancy, unnamed; the second, Carl Wesley, is the pet and joy of the household. Of Mrs. Myland's first marriage with Charles Wright, one child was born, Laura Edna Wright. In politics Mr. Myland is a strong Republican. He is a popular man and has never suffered for lack of friends. Socially, he is a member of a number of organizations, such as Knights of Pythias, Fidelis Lodge No. 460, of which he is a trustee; Royal Arcanum; K. O. T. M.; Royal Templars; Sons of Temperance; and of the I. O. O. F.

THOMAS J. FULMER,* who is engaged in manufacturing brick in Ellwood City, Pa., and who is considered one of the foremost citizens of Wayne township, Lawrence County, was born Jan. 12, 1856, at Pittsburg, Pa. He is a son of respected and honored parents, Robert and Martha J. (Susanna) Fulmer. Our subject's father was a merchant of Johnstown, Pa., but later in life moved to East Pittsburg, where his death took place.

The subject of this writing began when he was very young to make his way in the world, and found his first employment as a clerk for a merchant, after which he spent considerable time in Colorado and Kansas. In 1892 he bought five acres of the Elijah G. Matheny farm, which was a part of the Nye estate; this property has been under cultivation for a longer period than many other of the farms of the township. Mr. Fulmer, having thoroughly tested the adaptability of the soil, found it perfectly suitable for brick manufacturing, and at once entered upon his plan to establish a brick-yard of large dimensions. He built a kiln and manufactured brick for building and sidewalk purposes; the business offered such inducements to capital, that in 1892 the Ellwood Brick Co., Limited, was organized, and the business has since been conducted under that name. In addition to the manufacturing and dealing in brick, the Ellwood Brick Co., Ltd., deals in coal, handling the following popular varieties: Youghiogheny Gas, Beaver Valley and Anthracite. The kiln turns out 300,000 brick per year, and large shipments of this product are sent to outside markets, although Ellwood City has liberally patronized the industry, and most of the buildings

in the place are formed from this native product. The material is excellent and of the best, with a supply that is almost unlimited, consequently the company is able to make bricks of superior quality and fill the largest orders.

Mr. Fulmer purchased two lots on Spring Avenue in 1894 and erected two brick dwelling-houses, and in addition has two vacant lots adjoining. He served three years as secretary of the school board, and is noted for his thorough interest in the growth and development of the city in every way possible. Mr. Fulmer chose Miss Nellie Early to share his lot in life, and he is to-day one of those enterprising men worth knowing, who have by their own efforts succeeded to comfortable and easy circumstances. Mr. Fulmer is considered one of the best citizens of his community, and is conscientiously filling all the duties of a kind neighbor.



WILLIAM H. BUCHANAN,* a popular young man of Mahoningtown, well thought of in railroad circles, being at present the station agent at Lawrence Junction, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., May 11, 1866, and is a son of Andrew W. and Sarah (Highlands) Buchanan, the latter a native of Perrysville, Pa., and a daughter of Robert Highlands of Scotch descent. Andrew Buchanan was born in Allegheny Co., Pa. His parents both died when he was quite young, and threw him on his own resources, at the same time practically depriving him of the knowledge of the ancestry of the family, which he would have otherwise possessed,

and which would have proven so valuable in this connection. He was reared and cared for by an uncle, who did the best he could for the homeless orphan until the lad was able to make his own way. Arriving at a suitable age he learned the carpenter's trade in Pittsburg, and followed it throughout the years that he spent in that city. On removing to Mahoningtown in 1871, he took up the pursuit of farming and continued to follow it successfully and with profit until his death in New Castle in 1892. In the family of our subject's parents there were eight children, the following six of whom survive: Jane, who married Christopher Hoover of New Castle; Margaret, who married Charles Stapf of Wampum; Martha; Alexander H. of New Castle; Mary, who married Joseph Mehard; and William H., the young man whose name heads this sketch.

William H. Buchanan was five years of age when the family moved to the farm in North Beaver township, near Mahoningtown, and consequently his recollections do not extend back to the home in Pittsburg to any great extent; he went to school in the district school, in the borough schools of Mahoningtown, and finished his education with a course at the high school in New Castle. In 1888 Mr. Buchanan began his railroad life in the telegraph office, and since that time his rise has been regular and sure. When he was thoroughly qualified he was assigned to the yard office at Lawrence Junction, where he remained until August, 1893, when he was promoted to the station agency at Lawrence Junction, a position he is still filling with satisfaction to his employers. Being reliable and steady, quick to learn and prompt to act, it is

only a question of time, or when a vacancy occurs, for him to receive the due recognition for his services in the interest of the company.

Mr. Buchanan is an enthusiastic devotee of the wheel, and employs his spare time in taking trips on the excellent roads of the county, storing up energy and health, which are so necessary for complete business success. The Presbyterian Church has the good fortune to number him among its members, for he is an earnest worker in every legitimate line of action. He is a member of the Pythian Order, affiliating with Amazon Lodge, No. 336, of Mahoningtown.

HIRAM C. SHIRA,* a respected citizen of Mahoningtown, is a trusted and efficient employee of the Pennsylvania R. R., serving that company as its car inspector at Lawrence Junction. He was born in Butler Co., Pa., Nov. 14, 1860, and is a son of Robert C. and Mary A. (McCoy) Shira, to whom were born four children: William McC., deceased; Theodore McC.; Alfred C.; and Hiram C.

Robert C. Shira was born in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., May 4, 1824, and during the War of the Rebellion helped to support the flag of the Union. He is a Republican, politically. His wife was born in Harrisville, Pa., and was a daughter of Hon. Hiram C. McCoy, who married a Miss McCallen. Hiram C. McCoy served in the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, and left a creditable record, untarnished and unstained by any disreputable act. His father, Thomas McCoy, was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., of Irish

parentage, his father having been born on the "ould sod."

The subject of this biography lived in Butler County the first seven years of his life, and then the family moved to New Castle, where he attended the schools till the age of sixteen. When eighteen years old, he worked in a meat market, located on the south side of Washington Street, for two years, and in the following year went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he labored at the carpenter's trade, working the two succeeding years for the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. in the bridge and construction department. From that time until 1884 he served as car inspector for that company at Stoneboro, Mercer County, this State. He then resigned, came to New Castle, and served in the same capacity for the P. & W. R. R. for the space of a year, after which he again entered the employ of the W. N. Y. & P. R. R., and worked for that company as car inspector in the yards at New Castle until Jan. 22, 1888, when he accepted a position as car inspector for the Pennsylvania R. R. at Mahoningtown, where he is pleasantly located at present.

Mr. Shira was married at Sandy Lake, Mercer Co., Pa., Oct. 11, 1884, to Agnes Spence, who was born near Ahoghill, County Antrim, Ireland, one of ten children born to her parents, of whom the following four survive: Agnes (Mrs. Shira); John; Isabel; and Thomas. Her father, William Spence, came to America in 1866, and the family followed a year later; his death occurred Dec. 23, 1892, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a business man, and lived first in Hoytdale, where he kept store many years. His parents were John and Isabel Spence. Mrs. Shira's mother was Agnes Craig, daughter of

Thomas and Agnes (Campbell) Craig. To Mr. and Mrs. Shira have been born three children: Lucy F., who died Jan. 2, 1894, at the age of eight years, five months and eleven days; Lee L.; and an infant, son, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Shira are members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is a Republican in regard to his political principles, and has served two years in the borough council of Mahoningtown.

JOHN F. PITTS,* the well-known and popular postmaster of Mt. Jackson, and a member of the firm of Pitts Brothers & Miller, manufacturers of wagons, carriages, etc., is one of the leading men of this part of the Keystone State. He first saw the light of day in North Beaver township Feb. 8, 1852. His parents were Daniel and Susan (Miller) Pitts.

John F. Pitts comes from true pioneer stock. His great-grandfather, Michael Pitts, was born in good old Berks Co., Pa., lived for a time in Lancaster County, and came into North Beaver township among the very first of the white settlers. He selected a spot in the western part of North Beaver township, a locality in which his descendants have ever since been the leading landowners. With his family this hardy pioneer camped down in the wilderness, took up three hundred acres of land, and with his own strong arm and trusty ax proceeded to build himself a home of rough logs; here he lived to a good old age, leaving when he ceased this life four worthy sons, Michael, William, John, and David, to perpetuate his good name. Of these sons, John was the grandfather of the subject of this article.

John Pitts was born in Lancaster County but came into this section with his father. He settled and cleared a good farm near Zion Church in North Beaver township in 1789, wedding a Miss Annie Painter. By saving and thrifty methods he became the owner of over three hundred acres of land, and was known on all sides as a sturdy, upright and valuable citizen. He died at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife surviving his departure but a short time. Eight children were born to them, all but two of whom lived to be adults, and were named: Adam, David, John, Annie, Catherine, and Daniel. The latter was the father of John F. Pitts.

Daniel Pitts was born in North Beaver township at the same place where the subject of our sketch later came into the world. He early learned the blacksmithing trade, which he advantageously followed the greater part of his life. He was also an expert butcher and his services were in great demand all over the township. To this day the old shop grounds show the marks of his steady industry, and mutely testify how hard he labored to perform faithfully and well whatever it fell to his lot to do. He was married to Susan Miller, with whom he lived happily until death claimed him in 1865. The widow still survives him, living at the old homestead. They gathered about them this family of children: John F.; Samantha Jane, now deceased; Alfred, who is on the home farm; Catherine, deceased; Lewis H., now in business with John F.; and Mary Eliza, deceased.

John F. Pitts received his early educational training in the Martin School. In 1870 he began to learn carriage-building and wood-working at Canfield, Ohio; he spent three years there,

serving out his apprenticeship. On his return home in 1873 he bought out the business of D. I. Hill at Mt. Jackson, secured the old school-house, which was earlier used as a church, raised it and placed a basement underneath. He then began on quite a large scale the manufacture of lumber and heavy wagons, trucks, drays and carriages. He continued to conduct the fast increasing and developing business until 1887, when his brother Lewis H. became associated with him. In 1890 Mr. O. L. Miller was admitted to the firm, and the present style of Pitts Brothers & Miller adopted. Besides running an extensive manufacturing and repair business, this enterprising firm handles a full line of farming implements. By fair dealing and upright methods from the very inception of the enterprise an interest has been built up that is second to none in volume in this section. They employ several men during their busy seasons.

The subject of our article owns and occupies a fine residence, which is located on the site where Mr. Henry built the first house erected in Mt. Jackson. Besides his heavy business interests, Mr. Pitts owns a great deal of other property, and is held in high esteem as one of Mt. Jackson's responsible men. The wife of our subject was a Miss Louise Mollenkopf, a daughter of Daniel Mollenkopf of North Beaver township; six children have resulted from this marriage: Rena, Hattie, Laura, Warren, Harrison, and William. Mr. Pitts is a man of wide experience and broad attainments. He finds time to look after his business enterprises, and to look after other affairs that concern him, political, social and religious. He has always been an earnest adherent of the principles of the Republican

party, and has held many local offices in the gift of his fellow-townsmen. In the councils of his party he is prominent and influential. As a tribute to his reliability and high standing he was recently appointed to the postmastership of Mt. Jackson, an office he is conducting to the satisfaction of all. He is an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and is a past chancellor of the same. In religious matters Mr. Pitts's principles are in accord with the rules of life laid down by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fair-minded, well-posted on all matters, upright in all things, Mr. Pitts is a citizen whose name stands at all times for what is best and noblest.

EDWIN D. MOORE,* a leading jeweler of the city of New Castle, was born in the above place. He was brought up and educated in New Castle, and at the age of eighteen started for himself, serving an apprenticeship as a jeweler; he was soon a competent workman, and, possessing considerable means, he opened a jewelry store in New Castle, and now occupies a store at the corner of North Mercer and East Falls streets. Pleasant and engaging in his manners, and a general favorite because of his honorable and liberal way of dealing with all of his customers, he has built up a large and flourishing trade.

Our subject is a son of Jacob B. Moore, grandson of Adam Moore, and great-grandson of John Moore. Adam Moore followed the pursuits of agriculture for a livelihood. He married Elizabeth Book; his death took place at the age of thirty-five; his widow survived him many

years, being finally laid to rest at the age of sixty-five. Their children were: John R.; Jessie; Jacob B.; Adam, Jr.; and Leander.

Jacob Moore was a nailer by trade and followed the same in the nail mills of New Castle much of his life. He married Jemima Cotton, and the children born to them were: Eva A. (Brown); Edwin D., our subject; Lucy M. (Thalimer); Alfred C.; and Howard F., deceased. The family were Presbyterians in their religious belief, and our subject's father was a Republican politically.

Edwin D. Moore married, in 1882, Lizzie Armstrong, daughter of J. H. Armstrong of New Castle. Our subject is a member of a local lodge F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias organization. The family are firm in their attachment to the Presbyterian Church.



LUDWIG DACH,* formerly a prominent business man of Sharon, Pa., with interests of an important nature still located there, but now a citizen of New Castle, Pa., where he is engaged in the meat business on Washington Street, was born in Germany Nov. 24, 1842, and is a son of Clement and Elizabeth (Hengle) Dach, both of whom were born in Germany and lived there many years of their lives.

Clement Dach came to the United States in 1844, and settled in McKeesport, Pa., where he remained until 1849, when he removed to Sharon, Pa., where he resided up to the time of his death. He was a butcher by trade, having

learned it in the Old Country, but on coming to this land he engaged in work as a coal miner until 1864 when he resumed his original trade, and kept a meat shop until 1889, when he died, aged seventy-nine years. He was very successful in his ventures, and knowing well the secret of accumulating wealth, he became known as a prosperous tradesman. He was a staunch Democrat, politically. To him and his wife were born nine children, of whom only three are living: Ludwig, our subject; Bulgaria, who became the wife of Felix Hafley of Indiana; and Mary, who married Nicholas Klaser. They were faithful communicants of the Catholic Church. Our subject's mother lived to be sixty-nine years old, departing this life in 1883.

Our subject's education was obtained in the schools of Hickory township, and the early years of his manhood were spent in the coal mines. Later in life he learned the butcher's trade in his father's shop, and has followed that line of business steadily and successfully ever since. He kept a meat market in Hickory township, this county, fifteen years, and one in Sharon, Pa., for fifteen years, which market he still runs, his son Frank having it in charge. Mr. Dach conducts the business himself in his New Castle meat market.

In 1867 Mr. Dach was married to Margaret Seigler of Sharon, Pa., and to them have been given eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Michael Snyderwind of Sharon, Pa., and they have four children, Ollie, Mike, Mary, and Charlie; Mary, the wife of John Weisen of Sharon, Pa., who has borne her husband one child, Ludwig; Clement, who married Mary Zimmer of Sharon, and has one child, Ludwig;

Annie, who married John Knapp of Sharon, Pa., and has two children, Ludwig and Teresa; Frank; Katherine, who married Lewis Houk of Sharon, Pa.; Margaret; and Teresa. Mr. Dach belongs to the Sharon Lodge of the Protected Home Circle. He is a Catholic in his religious views and attachments.

JAMES F. STEWART,* a model farmer and one of the most progressive men of North Beaver township, was ushered into this world Oct. 13, 1832, at a point in Liberty township, Trumbull Co., Ohio. He was a son of Robert and Rebecca (McClellan) Stewart.

Robert Stewart, the father, spent his earlier days in Huntingdon Co, Pa., where he was born. He later removed to the then far west and carried on farming in Illinois and Ohio; accumulating means he purchased the Poland Mills of Poland, Ohio, which he conducted with success until retirement from active business. He then settled at Brookfield, Ohio, where he died, aged eighty-four years. His faithful wife reached about the same age. Their children were: John E., now a well-known physician; Mary K.; William A.; Jane; Robert M.; Rebecca E.; Cephas M.; James F.; Allan G.; Ellen Amanda; and Sarah L.

James F. Stewart received a good education and took a course in dentistry; this profession he followed with success for several years, practicing at points mainly in Illinois and Ohio. About this time there began to be wonderful developments in the photographers' art. Mr. Stewart, always drawn by anything of a techni-

cal nature, became interested in and finally entered this profession. During the late war he spent all of his time in photographic work, making a specialty of military pictures; thousands of photographs, that are preserved and cherished to-day of husbands, sons and sweethearts who never came back from the war, were the handiwork of Mr. Stewart. Many of these pictures, it is safe to say, are more prized by their owners than their weight in gold.

In 1865 Mr. Stewart had saved from his efforts a comfortable sum, with which he came to North Beaver township and bought the Marshall tract of seventy-five acres; this land was almost entirely covered with forest and second-growth timber. He began to clear his property, and from time to time added more land until he is to-day the owner of 127 acres of as fine soil as the sun shines on. It is all under a high state of cultivation, and is managed according to the best modern agricultural methods. In 1891 Mr. Stewart put up a new and spacious barn, fitted up with all the conveniences and improvements a practical mind could suggest; in 1893 a large and handsome residence was erected. The orchards on his place are worthy of note and comprise apple, plum and peach trees, together with many other fruits, all in full bearing. Such neatness and painstaking care is employed here that a stranger coming in sight of Mr. Stewart's abode would think he was approaching some summer-resort, where the landscape architect had been allowed full sway. It has been a principle of Mr. Stewart's to do well whatever he laid his hands to. The beautiful estate of which he is the master proves that he has lived up to his ideal. His farm is well-stocked and he main-

tains a choice dairy of his own, although he is a patron of and a stockholder in the creamery. A portion of his estate, which is underlaid with limestone, he leases to the Bessemer Limestone Co., whose property adjoins his.

James F. Stewart wedded Miss M. Jane Marshall, daughter of James Marshall of North Beaver township. Though three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart but one survives, C. Allan, who at the present writing is a student at Canfield College in the State of Ohio. Of the two who died, James was taken when an infant and Frank F. at the age of twenty-one years.

Mr. Stewart in politics is a Republican. He spends a great amount of time and energy in caring for his estate, yet withal he is a man of affairs. He finds time to keep abreast of modern thought and advancement. Very little which is new escapes his keen observation. He is wide-awake to the interests of the township, State and Nation. He is a member of the Westfield Presbyterian Church, and an upright, consistent, reliable citizen.

JOHN D. BROWN,* a prominent business man of New Castle, and a dealer in agricultural implements, buggies and wagons, fertilizers, etc., and also conducting a prosperous transfer and storage business, with warehouse located at 165 South Mill Street, was born in the neighboring township of Union Sept. 1, 1859. He is a son of John and Esther (Sankey) Brown; the latter was born in Union township, and was a daughter of James and Nancy (Cox) Sankey; James

Sankey was a son of Ezekiel and Jane (Cubbin) Sankey, and Nancy Cox was a daughter of Joseph Cox.

John Brown, our subject's father, was born near Pulaski in 1859, and died at the early age of twenty-eight years. He made a business of dealing in horses, shipping them to the eastern markets; in politics he was a Republican. His parents were Nathan and Rebecca (Willy) Brown; the former was a stone-mason by trade, and died in 1874, aged seventy-five years.

John D. Brown was reared in Union township, attending what was known as the Sankey School until he was eighteen years of age. For the next two years he worked on a farm, and then for two years was employed in the saw-mill of Young Bros. During the past seventeen years Mr. Brown has owned and operated through the summer season a threshing machine, with which he has traveled over a large part of Lawrence County. Since 1892 he has been dealing very largely in agricultural and farm implements, handling some of the most reliable and standard makes, and is patronized very well by such agriculturists as come to New Castle for their supplies, because of his wide acquaintance. On Jan. 1, 1897, Mr. Brown opened a large storage house at 165 South Mill Street, and entered the draying and hauling business in addition to his agricultural implement business, and it has proven in its short trial to be a profitable enterprise.

Mr. Brown was joined in the bonds of matrimony June 2, 1885, with Olive A. Echols, a native of Tipton, Missouri, and a daughter of John Echols, and three children now bless their home: Archie B.; Merrill; and Dwight. Mrs.

Brown is a member of the Baptist Church, but the family generally attend the United Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has served on the election board and the board of education. In the community at large he exerts a powerful influence as a superior man of business, and as one who has ever thrown his influence in maintaining a high order of morality in public affairs.



KINSEY JORDAN,* a representative farmer of Lawrence County, and an esteemed resident of Washington township, made up his mind early in life that the most honorable as well as useful vocation possible for a man to enter was that of agriculture. That he has never changed his mind is best evidenced by the fact that he still continues to follow his chosen calling as one of the best farmers in his section of the county. He was born in Washington township Oct. 22, 1833. Mr. Jordan comes from good old Pennsylvania stock, and from a family of which the various members have been in the habit of doing well in life. The founder of the family, Henry Jordan, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany, but came, when a young man, into Washington township, and out of the wilderness made a home for himself and succeeding generations. The best prosperity those days could give fell to his lot, and he became a solid and well-to-do citizen of his chosen section. A home, at the time one of the best in the township, he erected on his estate, and his broad acres, by incessant toil and excellent manage-

ment, were brought to a splendid state of productiveness. He lived a long and useful life, attaining the age of ninety-two years. His wife bore him these children, who were reared in the teachings of the Baptist Church: Elizabeth; Margaret; John; Henry; Ann; Mary; George and Daniel, twins; Mercy; and Michael. His political leanings were toward the Democratic party.

George Jordan, one of the twins, was the father of the subject of this writing. He was born on the home farm in Washington township, and was brought up in pioneer fashion. As soon as he was able, he purchased a tract of 100 acres near the ancestral home, which was only partly improved. Soon he built thereon a house and outbuildings, and as time passed, by hard labor, he redeemed the whole place and rendered it an estate of which he might well be proud. Ditches were put in, waste places made productive, good fences set where needed, and all the multiplicity of things which take the time of the good farmer were in turn attended to. On his perfected property Mr. Jordan lived to the good old age of seventy-two years. During life he was, like his father, a sturdy follower of Jeffersonian Democracy. In religious lines he favored the teachings of the Baptist denomination. To him and his wife, who was a Miss Prudence Daniels, nine children were given, named in order as follows: Elizabeth; Mary; Susan; Sarah; George; Henry; Kinsey, our subject; and John V.

Kinsey Jordan, of whom this sketch is written, obtained his education in the schools of his native town. After his school days were over he worked on the home place for several years.

Then his father bought for him the farm of 100 acres where he now lives. The fine house and barns, which stand on this property, are marks of his own industry. When Mr. Jordan came to this place he found it only partly cleared. He completed the task; in time set out extensive orchards, which are to-day in excellent bearing; and in every way possible toiled to make his portion of this green earth worthy of its surroundings and its master. Raising of fine stock has been a specialty with him, and his pastures have time and again contained some of the best herds to be seen in many a days' journey. Sheep and swine of fancy and standard breeds, and Clydesdale horses have been his most successful ventures. He has a small though well-conducted dairy.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Orr) Jordan, our subject's wife, was a daughter of John Orr, a native of Mercer Co., Pa. As a result of this marriage six children have come into the world, and they are all living with one exception. They were born in the following order: Mary Ella; James M.; Margaret Jane; William J.; Prudence J., and George H. Mary Ella, the eldest, is the wife of James Collins. James M. married Dora Seaton. Margaret Jane was the wife of Willis Dean, but died, leaving one child, Mamie F. William J. is wedded to Anna Vaseloer and is the father of one child, Harry. Prudence is single, and is working in Rhodes' store in New Castle; she is a graduate of Volant Business College. George H. is now at home; he has attended the same business college as his sister Prudence.

Mr. Jordan, following out the traditions of the family, is a devoted adherent of the Democratic party. His family has been raised in the teach-

ings of the Baptist Church, and are regular attendants. Our subject is a good citizen in every sense of the word as well as a good farmer. For two years he faithfully filled the office of assessor, and has been called upon many times by his appreciative townsmen to perform duties of a public nature. He is a believer in education, is in touch with modern progress, and is on all matters a thoughtful and considerate gentleman. Of his chosen calling he has made a uniform success, and is now reaping the justly earned rewards of a life well spent.

HON. ROBERT A. TODD.* This prominent and public-spirited citizen of Ellwood City, Lawrence County, has charge, as agent of the Pittsburg Co., of the largest and best-defined real estate business in the county. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, and merits the highest words of praise for his labors in behalf of Ellwood City. In the spring of 1891 he became a resident of this enterprising and wide-awake borough as assistant manager of the Pittsburg Co., and rendered valuable service in the opening and laying out of the present borough. In 1892 he took charge of the real estate for the same company, and still serves them in the same capacity. In 1892 he was elected the first justice of the peace of Ellwood City on the Republican ticket and held that position for the space of one year, when he resigned in favor of J. J. Kelley, the present able incumbent of that office. In 1896 he was elected to represent Lawrence County in the State Assembly for the year 1897. On his own account

he is largely interested in real estate, owning at present four fine dwellings in the western part of Ellwood City, in addition to his own elegant residence on Pittsburg Circle.

Mr. Todd was educated in the common schools of Freedom township, Blair Co., Pa., where he was born April 18, 1861. His preliminary education completed, he took a course in Prof. Stewart's Academy of Hollidaysburg, Pa. He then drove a delivery wagon for William Anderson of East Freedom for a number of years, in which time he had saved quite a neat little sum of money that enabled him to make a start in business for himself. With his half-brother, I. C. Adam of East Freedom, he contracted to break ballast for the Pennsylvania Co.'s road-bed between Roaring Spring and the Bloomfield Mines, a distance of five miles; the two young men were very successful in their venture, and each cleared a handsome sum of money in return for their pains and labors. He then engaged with the Rodman Furnace Company, with whom he remained about one year, being located at Rodman, Blair Co., Pa. After this he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on the home farm, where he remained four years. His next employment was as shipping-clerk for the Hollidaysburg Nail & Iron Co.; two years marked his connection with this company, and he then went to Beaver Falls, and became shipping clerk for the Hartman Steel Co. After being in their employ in Beaver Falls two years, he represented the house in the southwest, with headquarters at Kansas City, for two years, and then returned to Pennsylvania to take the position of assistant manager of the Pittsburg Co. at Ellwood City.

The father of our subject, also Robert Todd by name, received his education and was reared in his native town in Berks Co., Pa. His fondness for figures led him to adopt the occupation of a bookkeeper, and that vocation claimed all the active years of his life. He was considered to be an expert in his line, whose equal could not easily be found. His capacity for work was truly extraordinary, and in this respect his son is his worthy successor. His business ability was far above the average, and was kept in proper paths by the strictest principles of integrity. He was originally a Whig in his political belief and attachments, but later in life he transferred his allegiance to the Democratic party, and held the Federal office of postmaster in Roaring Spring, Blair Co., Pa., and also in East Freedom of the same county he was similarly honored. He was a well-educated man, chiefly so through his own exertions and tastes, and held the esteem and respect of all who knew him, for although he was very decided in his opinions he was ever a gentleman in the expression of them. He married Henrietta Hammond, a daughter of Joshua Hammond, a prominent and respected forgerman of Freedom township, Blair Co., Pa. Four children were born of this union, who were as follows: Robert A., our subject; Andrew J., an agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., with headquarters at Altoona, Pa., who married Mattie Pierce of Altoona; Nettie M., who married James Morse of Beaver Falls, Pa., and has one child living, Russell; and one who died in infancy. In his religious belief our subject's father was a Presbyterian and held office without a break for a long term of years in the church as trustee. He died May 17, 1868, aged sixty-four

years. Mrs. Todd still survives, and is living and enjoying fairly good health at the home in Freedom township, Blair County.

Socially, Hon. Robert A. Todd is a Mason, and belongs to Ellwood Lodge No. 599, in which he is master mason. He is also a member of Glen Park Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 1016, and of the Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 463, Rock Point Council. On June 7, 1887, he joined himself in matrimony with Mary Graham, daughter of Alexander Graham of Beaver Falls, Pa., and to them have been born two children: Rollin S., born Feb. 9, 1891; and one that did not survive the period of infancy. Mrs. Todd in her religious belief is a Methodist, and is a member of the M. E. Church of Ellwood City.

JOHN W. CAIN,* conductor on the Pennsylvania R. R., residing at 366 State Street, New Castle, was born in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 2, 1859, where he lived the first two years of his life. His grandfather, John Cain, came to America from Ireland in 1827, and settled in Sugar Grove, Warren Co., Pa., where he died in 1888, aged eighty-two years; he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the latter years of his life. His son, Frederick Cain, came with him to this country in 1827, and followed mining as an occupation; he was killed in a mine accident in the west Jan. 10, 1861. He married Jane Johnson, a sister of George W. Johnson, one of the leading manufacturers and limestone dealers in the county, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. The grandfather of our subject's

mother, John Johnson, Sr., was a prosperous farmer of Pennsylvania, of which State he was a native. Her father, John Johnson, Jr., was born and raised on the homestead in Mercer County, and followed farming and mining for a livelihood. Of his seven children, Jane was the eldest, and George W. the next in order of birth. After her husband's death our subject's mother returned to Pennsylvania from St. Louis, and lived four years at Hoytdale, where she married Frank Robinson. From there the family moved to West Middlesex, where our subject, who was the elder child born to his parents, the younger being his sister, Myrtle W., lived until seventeen years of age, attending the schools of that place. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked two years, and then came to New Castle, where he worked one year for his uncle, George W. Johnson, in his quarries. Throughout the following year, he was fireman on the quarry locomotive. About this time John W. Cain took a business trip to the west to his native city and to Belleville, Iowa, and on his return to New Castle worked for the J. P. Withrow Co. two years in their boiler works. He then secured employment as brakeman on the Pennsylvania Co.'s lines, and in one year was advanced to the post of conductor, which he held three years. Since August, 1891, he has been yard conductor and car inspector for the same company.

He was joined in marriage Feb. 2, 1886, in New Castle, to Sarah Hammond, daughter of James and Nancy (Nealey) Hammond; her father was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., at Woods Run, near Pittsburg, and followed the occupation of a farmer, living to be 75 or 76 years of

age. He was a veteran of the late war, and served in Co. I, 140th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., taking part in the battles of Bull Run and Gettysburg. Mrs. Cain is a sister of Harvey C. Hammond, a yard conductor on the Pennsylvania R. R., whose personal history may be found elsewhere in this volume. Our subject and wife attend the M. E. Church. Mr. Cain is a Democrat in his political attachments, and is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

JOSEPH D. PITZER,* an engineer on the railroad, living in Mahoningtown, his birthplace, was born Oct. 1, 1859, and is a son of John D. and Katherine (Glasser) Pitzer. John D. Pitzer was born in Ohio, probably about 1830. Commencing his life-struggle as a quarryman, he was for a long time employed as foreman in the quarries near Mahoningtown, and finished his career as a farmer; he had previously been a boatman on the canal. He was a son of Michael K. Pitzer, who moved to Pike Co., Mo., and died there. Our subject's mother was born in Wittenberg Germany, and was four or five years old when she was taken with the rest of the family by her parents to America. She was a daughter of Martin Glasser, who served as a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte; he lived to be eighty years of age, and passed away at Wurttemberg, Wayne township, this county.

Joseph D. Pitzer, who was the eldest of six children, was reared in Mahoningtown, and attended private schools until he was eighteen years of age. He then worked in the quarries

for five years, at the end of which period he worked in the engine house in the employ of the railroad. From June 28, 1887, to May, 1890, he was fireman, and since the latter date has been engineer. He is well thought of by his superiors, and is very popular among his associates.

He was married in Union township March 8, 1882, to Margaret Buchanan, daughter of John-son Buchanan, whose wife was Miss Eliza Burns. To Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer have been born two children: Gertrude and Ethel. Mrs. Pitzer is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is a Republican in his political views, and a very pronounced and emphatic man in advocating those principles which he believes to be just and right. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, of New Castle.

MRS. LIZZIE ANN PADEN* is a business woman of Mahoning township, Lawrence County, who is spoken of wherever she is known with the greatest amount of respect and approval. She is the widow of Samuel M. Paden, who was in his day a representative citizen and a leading farmer of Lawrence Co., Pa.

Mr. Paden was a son of the eminent Rev. S. K. Paden of Pulaski, a preacher who was celebrated throughout Western Pennsylvania for his piety and learning. Mr. Samuel M. Paden, at his marriage with the subject of our article, settled down on the old Paden homestead in Pulaski township. This farm was one of the very best in its locality, and on it Mr. Paden success-

fully followed general farming for a long term of years. In 1886 he sold the place so long his home with the intention of retiring from active labors; shortly after this, while on a visit in the West, he was taken ill with spinal meningitis, and died at Carbondale, Ill., May 30, 1886. Mr. Paden was thought very much of by a large circle of friends, and his death in a distant part of the country was mourned by all. He was at all times very active and energetic in all the affairs of life, social or otherwise. In politics he was an enthusiastic Prohibitionist. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paden, and they are: Cora May and Foster Spurgeon.

Mrs. Paden comes from rugged English stock. Her father, John Hawley of Mahoning township, was born near Herefordshire, England, Jan. 5, 1827, and was brought to America when a lad of fourteen by his father, Matthew Hawley. The latter was a son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Pitt) Hawley. Matthew Hawley, the senior, was a butcher by trade and lived in the west part of England. The younger Matthew learned his father's trade, and followed it during his residence in the Old Country. He was married in England to Elizabeth Margin, who became the mother of John Hawley, and through him the grandmother of the subject of this personal history. Matthew Hawley arrived in America in 1841, and first made his home in the State of Ohio. The country in which he took up his home was quite hilly. Happening to make a visit to the western part of Mahoning township, Lawrence County, he saw a place that suited him better than did the Ohio home. This Pennsylvania farm of 117 acres he purchased from William Strain, and at once settled upon

it; it was a fine place even then, when scarcely any improvements to speak of had been made.

Level, fertile and well-watered, Mr. Hawley saw the grand possibilities in store for the person who should intelligently put the resources of the farm to the proper use. He planted apple seeds brought from England, and from these sprung the orchards which are so much in evidence on the estate to-day. The place is now owned by his son John, the father of Mrs. Paden. Matthew Hawley scarcely lived to witness the results of his work, for he died, four years after settling on his new farm, at the age of fifty-six. His wife lived until her sixty-fifth year. The children were named: Matthias, who died in youth; Thomas; John; James; Joseph; William, who was taken home in childhood; George; Elizabeth; Annie, who died at the age of sixteen; and Maria. Of these, John, Mrs. Paden's father, remained with his mother after his father's demise, and assisted in rearing the large family. He bought out the other heirs to the property later on, and in 1871 built a new brick house, fitting it up throughout with hot and cold water, together with other modern fixtures. This was the first house in the township so equipped. When John Hawley first began farming for himself, he paid a great deal of attention to sheep-raising, owning some of the finest flocks ever seen in Lawrence County. Later he devoted his farm to general stock-raising and grain. He built spacious barns as they were needed. He also became the owner of another farm of 250 acres, on which he has built a house and barns. He was married to Angelina Brown, daughter of William Brown, and to this couple nine children have been born: William, a farmer of Pu-

laski township; Lizzie A. (Paden), the subject of this article; Lottie, who married William Harland; George, who is farming on one of the homestead farms; Brown, a merchant; Thomas, who is employed in the postoffice; Mary, who died at the age of sixteen; Reece, who is living at home; and Jane, also at home. John Hawley is one of the leading and most influential members of the Democratic party in Mahoning township. He has held several offices, among them those of overseer of the poor, school director and supervisor. He is very liberal in religious matters, and is in every sense a broad-minded and well-informed citizen.

Mrs. Paden returned to Hillsville after the decease of her husband, and in the fall of 1886 was appointed postmistress at that point. With the energy and enterprise so characteristic of her family, she opened in connection with the office a store, beginning in rather a small way, but increasing her stock and broadening her field of operations as her efforts met the appreciation and approval of her towns-people. It soon became necessary to enlarge her quarters, so the present large store was built, equipped and stocked with the thousand and one things that go to make up the resources of a general store. In this building, the second floor is used for living purposes. The tenement house which adjoins the store was built by and is the property of our subject.

Mrs. Paden has fully established the fact that she is a woman of extraordinary resources. Few people, being left alone as she was with no special training for business, would have known what to do, nor could they have turned so quickly from domestic cares and duties to the task of

bread-winning and the busy whirl of a mercantile life. The business has grown to large proportions, and all through the efforts of the proprietor to deal fairly and alike with all. Her perseverance and good business sense are admired in the community, in which her success has been steady and deserved.

BROOKS BROADBENT* has for some years past been recognized and regarded as one of the solid men of New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Pa. Whatever success has fallen to his lot has come as the direct result of thrift and painstaking care of all the opportunities which have presented themselves. Mr. Broadbent is of a family whose traits have ever led them in the best walks of life. The blood that flows in his veins is of the same kind that has made the sons and grandsons of fair Britannia attain to prominence and utility at whatsoever point on this green earth the spirit of advancement has caused them to locate. Mr. Broadbent is a son of Henry Broadbent, and grandson of a gentleman of the same name.

Henry Broadbent, father of our subject, was born, educated and trained in England. His father, Henry Broadbent, Sr., had grown up in the dry goods business, so the young man knew quite a little of mercantile ways and methods, when, at the age of fifteen, he came to America. His first location was in Mercer Co., Pa., where after working a few years he purchased a farm of fifty acres. He conducted this place for two years, and then sold it and moved to Fayetteville, Wilmington township, where he went into

the grocery business as a successor to his brother. Here he remained, leading a busy life, until his early death at the age of forty-nine. He left at his decease his faithful helpmeet, who was a Miss Liddie Waterhouse, and a family of five children, by name: George W.; William J.; Charles E.; Brooks, the subject of our sketch; and Thomas H. Though Mr. Broadbent departed this life a comparatively young man, he was remembered well by all of his children as a true and loving father, who had set them an example of the right way of living. His sterling qualities were spoken of with many words of commendation, and his blessed memory is held in reverence by his descendants, and others who came within the inner circle of his love and influence.

Brooks Broadbent received his educational training in the common schools of what was then a part of Mercer County, but is now included in Lawrence County. His boyhood days were busy ones, for he early learned the value of time and the sure and certain results of industry. At the demise of his father he partly inherited the place which he now owns, a farm comprising some 140 acres of choice land. When the father left this life and busy world behind him he had just begun a line of improvements which our subject has been diligent in carrying out. The house has been thoroughly remodeled and spacious barns, adapted for every conceivable need in that direction, have been erected. Every part of the estate, that would admit of a better condition, he put in that shape, so that it is now hard to find a better-kept piece of farming property, or one which shows more prominently painstaking care than does this one.

Mr. Broadbent was united for life in the bonds of matrimony with Lizzie Weed of Mercer Co., Pa., and since their marriage three children have become inmates of the household, and sharers of the parental love; they are named Nellie, Henry, and James R. The family have been brought up in the Presbyterian Church, of which the parents are regular attendants.

Mr. Broadbent of to-day is a hard-working citizen, one whose entire time is taken up with the routine work of life. He has in his life accomplished enough to justify him in retiring and taking the affairs of life easier; but so keen is his interest in the busy, work-a-day world, that he feels like sticking to his post until the grim reaper shall call him home. Everyone who knows Mr. Broadbent appreciates and respects his manner of life, and his common-sense way of looking at things. Cool and conservative in judgment, his ideas and opinions have weight among his colleagues. He is a man who knows much of life and human nature. He is a good judge of men, and rarely makes a mistake in his estimate of them. As a farmer, a citizen, and a true American, he stands among those who make up the best class of people of this, the fairest portion of the Keystone State.

EDWARD J. MURPHY.* This gentleman, a resident of Mahoningtown, has been performing the duties of engineer for the P., F. W. & C. R. R. for over a quarter of a century, and it is very probable that there is no engineer of long or short service in Lawrence County who is so well known and as favorably known as he is.

The very fact of his being continued in the service of one company for such a length of time shows that his work must have been satisfactory at all times and up to all the requirements of the road, and it also illustrates his staying qualities, for as long as no fault was found with him and he was not shabbily treated he was content to remain in the employ of the same road on which he commenced railroading thirty-two years ago. His is a splendid record, and he may well feel a little pride that he is held in such high regard by his superiors in the service. His friends are practically without number, for go where you will, you will find somebody who has a good word for him, or a yarn to tell of the days when they were together in the service of the P., F. W. & C. R. R.

Mr. Murphy was born in Allegheny City Sept. 27, 1846, and was a son of Thomas and Nellie (Daady) Murphy, both natives of Ireland, where they grew up and married. Thomas Murphy was a farmer in the old country; he died in Allegheny City, when his son, the subject of this sketch, was only four or five years of age.

Edward J. was reared in the Second Ward of Allegheny City, and attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age, making his home in the meantime with his uncle, his mother's brother. His first work was in the establishment of a tobacconist, a Mr. McGinnis. He commenced his railroading in September, 1865, for the P., F. W. & C. R. R., working in the car yards for a year. Then for five years he served as fireman; about this time, while oiling an engine, it was started through the carelessness of the engineer, and inflicted injuries so serious on Mr. Murphy that for two years he was unable to

perform any of his duties. When he was again able to work he was promoted to the post of engineer, beginning work in that capacity in June, 1870, at which time he came to New Castle, and ever since then has been in charge of an engine for the P., F. W. & C. R. R. From 1874 to 1883 he lived in Youngstown, from 1883 to 1886 in New Castle, and since that date in Mahoningtown.

On Jan. 27, 1874, he was married in New Castle to Fannie Robinson, daughter of Andrew G. and Frances (Edwards) Robinson. Andrew G. Robinson was born in the region of Hollidaysburg, Pa., about 1812, one of a family of sixteen boys and one girl, and followed charcoal burning until bituminous coal took the place of charcoal in the iron furnaces, when he learned the trade of an iron-worker, and was employed in the iron mills the remaining years of his life. He died in New Castle at the age of seventy-three years. His wife was born in Wales in 1813, and with her two brothers, they being left orphans at an early age, came to the United States and settled in Hollidaysburg. Of the family of eleven children born to her, seven boys and four girls, in the aggregate, seven survive. Following is the record: Sarah Jane, who married Howard Huttenbaugh, an operative in the rolling mills of New Castle; David, who was killed in the late war; Thomas, deceased; Zechariah, a mill operative of New Castle; Joseph, the chief of police of New Castle; Andrew, a puddler in the iron works of New Castle; Edward, deceased; Lizzie, deceased; Margaret, the wife of Charles Owery, a mill operative of New Castle; James W., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; and Fannie, the wife of our subject. Two children

have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy; Andrew Gerry and Nellie Frances. The family are attendants of the M. E. Church. Mr. Murphy is a Republican in his politics. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken seventeen degrees of the ritual, and belongs to the following organizations: Western Star Lodge No. 21; Mahoning Chapter No. 93; Mahoning Council of Youngstown, Ohio, No. 45; Lawrence Commandery of New Castle, No. 62; and Zem Zem Temple of Erie, Pa.

PROF. JAMES A. WATSON,* a respected and honored school-teacher of Lawrence County, who is most highly esteemed for his exceptional success in matters educational, and who for six years was superintendent of schools of the county, is living on his farm in Wilmington township, near Fayetteville, but has not given up altogether his vocation as an educator for the calling of a farmer. He comes from a good, respectable family of agriculturists, who have given material assistance in the developing of Lawrence County.

The great-grandfather of our subject, John Watson, was born east of the mountains and removed to Fayetteville in 1811, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and made his home on the Whereham farm of 150 acres. This property, when he took possession of it, could hardly be called a farm, for it was as yet almost unimproved and a dense forest covered the greater part of it; under the supervision of our subject's worthy ancestor, the trees were felled and the

soil gradually and slowly made ready for the growth of crops. He then bought the land, which is now owned and farmed by Prof. Watson. It was here that death came to him suddenly and without warning in 1826, when he was aged sixty-five years; he happened to be driving a yoke of oxen attached to a wagon, and in some manner was thrown from the vehicle upon a rock in the roadway, and his neck broken. His wife, who was a Miss Wilson of Juniata Co., Pa., bore him three children—Dr. William of Bedford Springs, Hugh, a school-teacher, and James, the grandfather of our subject.

The grandfather, James Watson, spent most of his life near Fayetteville, and his occupation for a number of years was the operation of a distillery, which he constructed himself. Upon his father's decease, he bought the interests of the other heirs to the homestead and made the old place his home until death, supporting himself and providing for the wants of his family by cultivating the farm that his father had tilled before him. In 1835 he was elected to the position of sheriff of Lawrence County, in which position he acquitted himself with credit, making himself generally feared by the evil-doers. Late in life he married Catherine Douglass, and the members of their family were: John, deceased; William J., the father of our subject; Robert; James; and Catherine.

Prof. James Watson, in whom the interest of this sketch centers, is a graduate of Westminster College, and also of the Edinboro State Normal School and Grove City College, where he pursued his studies until he had completed his education and fitted himself for his chosen profes-

sion of teaching. In 1890 his work was given the prominence that was the fruit of untiring toil and endeavor to fulfill his duties as an educator, and he was elected superintendent of the county schools, holding this position for six years. He exhibited marked qualifications for the office, and added during his term of office much to the efficiency of the schools throughout the county. He is popular not only among his fellow-educators and teachers but also among the general public, which is ever ready to appreciate honest endeavor and superior work.

In 1896 Prof. Watson bought one hundred acres of land near Fayetteville, where he has established his home, but does not anticipate entering largely into agricultural pursuits. His wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Graham, left him at her death three daughters, named: Anna, the wife of G. E. Daniels; Nellie, who married M. D. McCarthy; and Margaret, the wife of C. W. Wilson. Some time had elapsed after Mrs.

Watson's demise when the Professor chose an estimable lady, Mary Bingham, daughter of James Bingham, to preside over his household and share his fortunes. Prof. Watson is a sturdy Republican, politically, and is enabled by his position to work intelligently for the party. He is a man of great force of character, decided in his opinions, and when he is convinced that he is right, he expresses his views fearlessly. He has been a great reader and deep thinker, and his large experience, both in the field of the educator and in general business relations, have tended to great self-reliance and stamina, which are the most admirable qualities in a man's possession. He and his family are faithful members of the church of their choice, the Presbyterian. Having made for himself a place in the difficult life-work he has undertaken, Prof. Watson commands the respect of the entire community and is regarded as an authority on matters educational.

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